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Pan Am Games name Troop as chief executive

SPORT The 2015 Pan Am Games' organizing committee will be led by a business executive with international experience and a passion for sport.

As chief executive, Ian Troop, who was most recently operating adviser to OMERS Private Equity, will oversee planning and operations for the $1.4-billion Games.

"I think this can be a tremendous opportunity for the community to create a legacy," an excited Troop said soon after his name was announced Thursday.

Troop is expected to travel to Vancouver this month to see the Winter Olympic Games up close and learn from VANOC's experience.

As well, Troop will oversee construction of the $1-billion athletes' village in the West Donlands that will house 8,500 athletes, coaches and officials. Parts of the village will be turned into affordable housing after the games.

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- The Pan Am Games will include venues in 17 Golden Horseshoe municipalities, from St. Catharines to Barrie to Oshawa.

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Vancouver **Jump for joy**

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Games on!

Torchbearer Michael Tchao jumps as he carries the Olympic flame during the Olympic torch relay at Simon Fraser University Thursday in Burnaby, B.C. The Olympic flame is on a 106-day journey across Canada in the longest domestic torch relay in Olympic history. It will end with the lighting of the Olympic cauldron at the opening ceremonies for the Vancouver Winter Olympics on Friday. More coverage, pages 28 and 29

Third time lucky?

Officials, athletes hoping for home-field advantage

Canada's quest for home-turf Olympic dominance begins Friday when the first of the country's 206 athletes get into action at the long-awaited Vancouver Games.

Canadian Olympic officials have made it clear they want the country to finish the Games on Feb. 28 with more medals than any other nation, including powerhouses such as Germany and the United States.

Canadian Olympic Committee chairman Michael Chambers says the goal is ambitious, but eminently achievable in what will be the third time Canada has hosted the Olympics after Montreal in 1976 and Calgary in 1988.

Ski jumping will launch the 17-day sports extravaganza, which will feature a smorgasbord of talented athletes from 82 countries.

Thursday saw the 2010 torch arrive in Vancouver after a 45,000-kilometre hike coast to coast to coast.

Speculation continued to mount on the identity of the final torchbearer.

The name of hockey great Wayne Gretzky has been mentioned as the person who will light the cauldron at B.C. Place stadium.

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Miller stands behind Giambrone

Mayor David Miller says he will not ask Toronto Transit Commission Chairman Adam Giambrone to step down.

Giambrone dropped his bid for mayor of Toronto on Wednesday amid revelations he had "intimate relations" with women other than his live-in girlfriend.

Adam Giambrone

"Adam Giambrone has stood before the people of Toronto, he has accepted responsibility for his actions and he's working with his partner on their private life and that's his private life," Miller told a news conference Thursday.

The mayor said he has confidence in Giambrone as chairman of the commission because he is doing a terrific job.

Transit ridership in the city is at its highest level ever, Miller said, noting the recession didn't cause numbers to plummet as past recessions did. He credited Giambrone for that success.

Changes led by Giambrone include making monthly passes transferable, which encourages people to share and ride transit, said Miller.

He said the biggest increase in bus service in the history of the transit system happened about a year ago. The system is also in the midst of replacing its bus and streetcar fleets.

Giambrone has taken responsibility for recent troubles with the system, Miller said. Those troubles include photos and videos posted online of workers appearing to be asleep on the job or taking long breaks as passengers waited.

"Giambrone has been leading a remarkable renaissance in public transit in Toronto. And it's got a little obscured because a couple of employees didn't perform properly," said Miller. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Mayor David Miller, pictured in this file photo, said Thursday he will not ask TTC chairman Adam Giambrone to step down. Giambrone dropped out of the mayoral race this week.

Some TTC commissioners call for change

TRANSIT Chairing the nine-member Toronto Transit Commission is a prestigious job sought after by ambitious politicians.

The current chair, Coun. Adam Giambrone, has been weakened by scandal — prompting talk at city hall of his possible ouster — but none of the transit commissioners Torstar News Service contacted Thursday were prepared to call for a leadership review.

If they no longer had confidence in Giambrone's leadership, removal would require a vote of at least five of the nine councillors in the commission.

But other councillors who aren't transit commissioners were less reticent.

"The TTC is a real mess, so I would get rid of the chair and all the commissioners," said Rob Ford. "I would put Case Ootes in charge for the remaining eight or nine months."

Councillor and mayoral candidate Giorgio Mammoliti said that, if he were mayor now, he'd be appointing Bill Saundercook, a TTC commissioner. "He would be respected by both ends of the equation — on the management side and on the union side," said Mammoliti.

Saundercook had his own choice: The TTC's current vice-chair, Joe Mihevic. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Total overhaul?

- Some councillors want to see a thorough overhaul of the commission, switching to a body composed of six citizens and three councillors instead of the current crew of nine councillors.

McGuinty's itinerary unveiled for May trade visit to Israel

TRIP Premier Dalton McGuinty's trip to Israel and the West Bank will include stops in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Ramallah and Bethlehem.

Dalton McGuinty

The five-day trip in May is aimed at boosting trade and investment and to building opportunity for Ontario businesses. The premier will focus on expanding healthcare partnerships and tap into Israel's expertise in turning high-tech ideas into high-tech jobs.

Ontario Economic Development and Trade Minister Sandra Pupatello toured Israel last year. Conservative Mike Harris was the last Ontario premier to visit in 1998.

The government says goods traded two ways between Ontario and Israel totalled almost $1.1 billion in 2008. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Man due in court after indecent exposure incident

A Mississauga man is due in court Friday charged with several counts related to indecent exposure. Police allege Fernando Giraldo Velasco exposed himself while driving by two 13-year-old girls in west Toronto on Jan. 20 and then fled the scene. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Little snow in the forecast

Mild winter can be blamed on El Nino, meteorologist says

Where is that white stuff? There's hardly any snow on the ground in Toronto and almost no chance of getting any soon.

Last year, a single storm dumped about 25 centimetres of snow, crippling the city. And usually by this time, Pearson International Airport would have recorded about 80 centimetres of snow.

At 32.4 centimetres, we aren't even anywhere close this year.

Of course, our lack of snow is particularly noteworthy when compared with cities south of the border — and nowhere more than Washington, D.C., where the latest in a succession of crippling storms has raised the seasonal snow tally to 140 centimetres, shattering a record set in 1899.

If there's anything to blame for Ontario's lack of snow it's El Nino, reminded Geoff Coulson, meteorologist with Environment Canada.

An El Nino year is characterized by slightly warmer ocean temperatures in the Equatorial Pacific that cause a shift in the global weather patterns. One of the impacts on Ontario is that winters tend to be milder and drier, said Coulson.

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A man walks past a statue of a Chinese lion on Gerrard Street East yesterday. It's been a dry winter so far in Toronto, and that isn't likely to change in the weeks ahead.

"Overall it's going to be dry for the next seven to 14 days."
Geoff Coulson, meteorologist

El Nino is also the reason places like Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia are getting walloped by blizzards, said Coulson.

"Instead of moving to the Great Lakes and impacting us, the big winter storm systems developed in the foothills of the Rockies are moving east and affecting states like Illinois, Indiana and Washington," he said.

Toronto isn't likely to see snow for the next two weeks or so, said Coulson.

"There might be some flurry activity in the Greater Toronto Area, but overall it's going to be dry for the next seven to 14 days."

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$600K spent on HST ads

CAMPAIGN The Ontario government spent nearly $700,000 on advertising aimed at promoting its controversial plan to harmonize sales taxes last spring, newly released documents show.

It planned to spend about $2.5 million to buy space for the ads, which were to include newspaper and radio spots in French, English, aboriginal and ethnic media, according to documents released Thursday by the Department of Finance.

But only the online ads about the HST — which cost $600,000 — were used because the print ads were rejected by the auditor general Jim McCarter for violating Ontario laws.

"Namely, we found that a primary objective of these ads is promoting the partisan political interests of the governing party," McCarter wrote in an April 20 letter to the Department of Finance.

The ads aimed to persuade the audience about the government's opinion of the merits of the "benefits" of the HST, rather than providing facts and explanation, he wrote.

Under Ontario law, the auditor general must approve all government advertising in print, radio and television — but not over the Internet.

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Man charged with sexually assaulting 13-year-old boy

A 50-year-old Toronto man has been charged with sexual assault after police say he led a 13-year-old boy he met at a local gym to his home. Police allege the suspect befriended the adolescent on Feb. 6 at the YMCA in the Yonge Street and Grosvenor Avenue neighbourhood. Vasco Serpa has been charged. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

Events raise hope for Haiti

Haiti Crisis

It has been a month since tragedy struck Haiti and, as the people of that earthquake-ravaged nation struggle to recover, Canadians continue to open their hearts and wallets.

As of Thursday, they had donated $113 million, money that is being matched dollar-for-dollar by the federal government, says International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda. Despite the outpouring of generosity, Haiti's needs remain great. Oda is urging those who have not yet given to "make one final effort, one big push" before the federal government's Friday deadline for matching donations.

Support from the Greater Toronto Area has not wavered. People have collected a mountain of shoes, organized shows and tributes, sang their hearts out and hiked through the Rouge Valley. There have been bake sales and balls, fine dining and wines, and school kids selling everything from cookies to paper hearts. For those needing a break from all the good grub, there were also Pilates and yoga challenges and people working their buns off at an exercise boot camp.

Bev Oda

Here are some of the events in support of Haiti:

PROJECT GIVE BACK: They will never walk a mile in their shoes, but students at nine Toronto public and private schools are making sure kids in Haiti won't go barefoot.

More than 500 Grade 4 and 5 students from Toronto's Allenby, Hillcrest and John Ross Robertson public schools and Crestwood, Leo Baeck North and South, USDS Bathurst and Bayview, and Netivot Ha Torah private schools collected over 5,000 pairs of shoes. Project Give Back and the students worked with shoe retailer Soft Moc and Soles4Souls to deliver the shoes to earthquake victims.

HELPING THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS: Toronto's Queer community stepped into the spotlight to support victims at a star-studded event that attracted some of the city's big names including Trey Anthony, writer, producer and star of Da Kink In My Hair. Twelve days after the earthquake hit, Ryan G. Hinds helped pull together a cast of celebrities who entertained a sold-out and often emotional house at Buddies in Bad Times on Jan 24. The event raised more than $4,000 for the Canadian Red Cross and SERO vie, an agency working with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer community in Haiti.

WORKOUT BOOT CAMP: No pain, no gain may well have been on the minds of fitness fiends at the three-hour marathon Buns of Steel Boot Camp held Saturday. "It was all worth it," said camp founder/owner Omar Isuf. "After the marathon, I had an Epsom salt bath and was no worse for wear." Sweat equity raised more than $4,000 for UNICEF.

Working as a team for a common cause was truly uplifting, he added.

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Feds say they didn't know India would arrest detainee

CASE Federal officials say they had no inkling a convicted hijacker who has already served his prison sentence would be thrown in jail again after being deported to India.

In newly filed documents, the government asks the Federal Court to reject a plea from Parminder Singh Saini's Toronto lawyer for his client's return to Canada from an Indian prison said to be notorious for torture.

Border services

- Sindi Pannu, a border services officer who accompanied Saini to India says in a written submission that at no time "did I know that Mr. Saini would be arrested and/or detained by the Indian authorities following his removal to India."

Lawyer Lorne Waldman says in a court submission that it "defies credulity" to believe officials of the Canada Border Services Agency or other agencies were not aware of India's "keen interest" in Saini.

A Federal Court judge is slated to hear arguments next week in the case, which raises new questions about the deportation of people to countries where they might be abused.

Saini came to Canada in 1995 on a false passport and claimed refugee status after serving 10 years in jail in Pakistan for hijacking an Indian jetliner. A deportation order was soon issued and in June 1996 the government declared him a danger to the public.

However, various legal proceedings that took years to play out meant it was only last month that border services agents escorted him out of Canada on a chartered jet.

In his submission, Waldman says Saini was taken to a private hangar upon arrival in New Delhi and his plane was surrounded by heavily armed police.

He was detained, thrown into a cell and transferred to the maximum security Tihar prison, where he is being held under India's National Security Act as a danger to the public. The document says he is not eligible for bail and can be held indefinitely.

Officials argue they made no misrepresentations to the court. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

AUTOMOTIVE General Motors says it plans to add a second shift at its Oshawa assembly plant before the end of the year. The addition of the new shift in the fourth quarter is to allow the company to ramp up for production of its new Buick Regal model in early 2011. General Motors of Canada says the addition of the second shift is expected to return up to 700 employees to the Oshawa plant.

COSTS Trustee Josh Matlow won't be censured for calling a $345,000, one-day conference planned by Toronto's public school board a "drunken spending binge." In the meantime, the board has cut the cost of the event by posting materials online instead of paying for paper, education director Chris Spence said. That would have cost $190,000 and was a large portion of the cost of the event, to be held at the Air Canada Centre. The board will still have to pay speakers for using their intellectual property. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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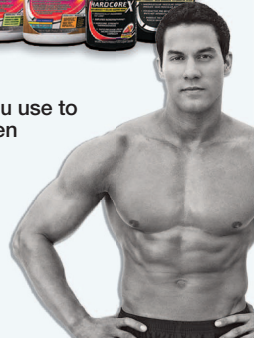

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Mississauga may pay mayor's son's legal expenses
The city may cover legal expenses of Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion's son, Peter, at an upcoming inquiry if he can prove he cannot afford a lawyer. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Groups push to nix Buy American pact

CUPE worries fair wage policies may be vulnerable

Labour groups are calling on Ontario to reject a new trade agreement that allows Canadian companies to be temporarily exempt from the Buy American elements of Washington's stimulus package.

CUPE Ontario and the Council of Canadians say Ontario is the only province that's required to give permanent and unrestricted foreign access to publicly funded contracts that supply schools, universities, social services and hospitals.

The union, which released a leaked copy of the deal on Thursday, says the other provinces and territories have exempted them and Quebec even has a clause that exempts anything that pertains to culture.

Only a few Ontario agencies would be exempt from the deal, including Metrolinx, Ontario Power Generation and the Ontario Power Authority, Infrastructure Ontario and the Toronto Waterfront Corp.

CUPE says it's worried that bottled water bans, local food procurement policies and fair wage polices may come under attack from American and foreign companies under the deal.

Fred Hahn, president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees Ontario, says the deal gives away far too much in return for far too little.

"This deal would limit the power of the provincial government to harness all the possible economic levers at its disposal to deal with the economic crisis. The race to sell off or give away our province needs to end and the premier should not sign this deal." Fred Hahn, CUPE president

"This deal would limit the power of the provincial government to harness all the possible economic levers at its disposal to deal with the economic crisis," Hahn said in a release.

"The race to sell off or give away our province needs to end and the premier should not sign this deal."

CUPE Ontario represents 220,000 members, approximately 155,000 of whom work in schools, universities, social services and hospitals.

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N.B. Liberal expelled after giving the finger to Tories

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Canada

Neighbours support Williams: Poll

A poll says those geographically closest to Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams, left, are most supportive of his trip to the U.S. for heart surgery. A new Canadian Press/Harris Decima survey found 65 per cent of Atlantic Canadians said Williams's trip south for care was appropriate. Overall, 44 per cent of Canadians supported the premier's decision, while 42 per cent did not. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Custody taken from alleged neo-Nazis

Judge rules against Manitoba parents

A judge has ruled that a Manitoba couple can't have custody of their children because they were endangering them when they taught them neo-Nazi beliefs and wrote racist slogans on their daughter.

"Writing and drawing racist expressions and symbols on one's child is not just bad parenting. Those interferences with a child's person are batteries," Court of Queen's Bench Justice Marianne Rivoalen wrote in her decision Thursday.

"Advocating genocide and the wilful promotion of hatred against an identifiable group are crimes in this country. These children have a right to be protected from these things."

Rivoalen's decision came two years after the children were seized by child welfare workers after the eldest showed up at her elementary school with racist slogans and symbols drawn on her skin in permanent marker.

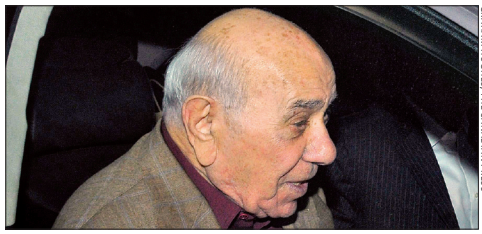
No one in the case can be identified under provincial law.

Child and Family Services applied for permanent guardianship. The agency alleged that the parents' racist beliefs and actions caused the children to suffer emotionally. During the custody hearing, social workers testified the girl frequently used racial epithets to describe blacks, Asians, aboriginals and other minorities.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dad's testimony

- The father admitted to using Nazi salutes and telling the children that only white people belong in Canada. But he told the court his beliefs do not amount to racism and he never preached violence. He argued he had a constitutional right to teach his beliefs to the children. The judge rejected that argument.



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Convicted Montreal crime boss Nicolo Rizzuto, seen in this file photo, pled guilty to tax evasion on Thursday.

Mafia dad pleads guilty, walks out a free man

TAX EVASION The grandpa in Canada's most notorious Mafia family pleaded guilty to tax evasion, settled his debts with the tax man, and strolled out of a courthouse wearing a smile and a fedora hat.

It took less than 15 minutes in a courtroom Thursday for octogenarian Nicolo Rizzuto to walk out a free man. It had taken more than 15 years to bring his tax case to court.

The case stems from infractions committed in the mid 1990s by Rizzuto, the father of reputed Mafia boss Vito Rizzuto and grandfather of the recently murdered Nick Rizzuto Jr.

He admitted failing to declare interest revenues from more than $5 million deposited in a handful of Swiss bank accounts.

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Windsor man found guilty of murder
Shane Huard of Windsor, Ont., has been found guilty of first-degree murder in a shooting death during an armed robbery. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police search Williams home

Forensic investigators from the Ontario Provincial Police spent hours Thursday combing through the Ottawa home of an air force colonel charged in the murders of two women and the sexual assaults of two others.

Six plainclothes officers carrying boxes arrived at the semi-detached house shared by Col. Russell Williams and his wife shortly after noon.

They papered over windows at the home in Ottawa's tony Westboro neighbourhood. The couple's BMW remained parked in the driveway.

Williams, the former commander of Canada's largest military airfield, Canadian Forces Base Trenton, was arrested Sunday in Ottawa. The body of one of the victims, Jessica Lloyd, was found Monday.

Additional charges

- Besides two first-degree murder charges, Williams faces two counts of forcible confinement and two counts of break and enter and sexual assault relating to the attacks.

Williams, 46, of Tweed, Ont., was charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of Lloyd, 27, and Cpl. Marie-France Comeau, 37.

Comeau was based at Trenton and served as a steward aboard the same military VIP flights Williams piloted for much of the 1990s, ferrying the Governor General, the prime minister and other dignitaries on domestic and overseas trips.

Williams is also charged with two sexual assaults in the same Tweed neighbourhood where he and wife Mary Elizabeth Harriman had a cottage. Tweed is near CFB Trenton.

Harriman is the associate executive director of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada and was living in the couple's recently built Ottawa home.

According to a search warrant issued before Williams emerged as the primary suspect in the cases, detectives entered the home of a prior suspect looking for lingerie, baby blankets and computer data storage devices. The warrant was related to attacks on two women who were bound and sexually assaulted in their homes last September. Both women lived within walking distance of the Williams cottage. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cannon prods China on Iran issue

China needs to use its clout to curb Iran's pursuit of nuclear power, Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon said Thursday, refusing to rule out further sanctions against the Islamic regime.

"I think the Chinese need to step up to the plate here. China, of course, is a very highly regarded partner with Iran," Cannon said in an exclusive interview with The Canadian Press.

Speaking in his corner office overlooking west Quebec, he said he expects the issue to dominate discussions among G8 foreign ministers to be held next month just across the river.

Last week, Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said sanctions against Iran would be counterproductive to ending Tehran's nuclear ambitions.

Jiechi said countries can pursue peaceful nuclear energy as long as they conform to UN oversight by the International Atomic Energy Agency. But that is something Iran has not done.

"As China commits to IAEA obligations they will be in a good position to be able to influence," Cannon said.

Cannon said he expects the G8 ministers to be seized with the Iranian nuclear question and to come out with a strong statement when they convene in Gatineau, Que., next month. Cannon called on Iran to cease uranium enrichment and open up to UN inspections in order to re-establish some credibility with the global community.

"We're deeply disappointed with Iran's attitude. Certainly their blatant contempt and their complete disregard for the international community is very worrisome," Cannon said in the interview.

"When you do this, when you enrich your uranium you have obligations ... Iran must stop this contemptuous attitude towards the international community." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon arrives at a press conference in Ottawa on Thursday

Enriched comments

- Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told thousands in a speech yesterday that Tehran has produced its first batch of enriched uranium, but that its nuclear ambitions are entirely peaceful.

News in brief

DIPLOMACY Chilly relations between Canada and Russia are warming as Prime Minister Stephen Harper applauded the Kremlin's tougher stance on sanctions against Iran. But Canada got an earful from Russia's neighbour, Finland, on the need for the West to embrace Moscow as a full partner on global issues. Prime Minister Stephen Harper spoke by telephone Thursday with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Federal Transport Minister John Baird has asked that Ethiopia deport Bashir Makhtal, above, back to Canada.

Feds lobby to free Canadian in Ethiopia jail

Federal Transport Minister John Baird says he's made progress to secure the release of a Canadian who's spent three years languishing in Ethiopian prisons.

Baird paid a whirlwind visit to Addis Ababa where he personally lobbied Ethiopia's foreign minister to free Bashir Makhtal, whom Canada believes has been wrongly convicted on terrorism-related charges.

Baird says he warned that Makhtal's case has become an irritant in Canada's otherwise good relations with the east African country.

He formally asked that Ethiopia deport Makhtal back to Canada, with a promise that the 41-year-old will never return to the region.

Baird says the Ethiopian minister countered with a specific proposal to allow Makhtal to serve out his life sentence in Canada.

Baird called the proposal "somewhat problematic" given that Canada has no prisoner transfer agreement with Ethiopia and, in any event, does not believe Makhtal is guilty.

"I think both sides want to work it through but obviously the key difference of opinion is on his guilt or innocence," Baird said in a telephone interview Thursday from Tel Aviv.

"I think both sides want to work it through." Transport Minister John Baird

Makhtal's family say he's been targeted because his grandfather was a founder of a separatist group that Ethiopia considers a terrorist organization.

Baird was cautiously optimistic that his trip may yet help secure Makhtal's release.

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Nova Scotia asks for report on lawmakers' expenses

SPENDING The Nova Scotia government indicated it will soon tighten spending rules for members of the legislature after it requested the man tasked to review allowances to provide an update on his work within weeks.

Former Speaker Art Donahoe said Thursday he will submit an interim report on allowances and perks to the board that oversees the regulations on members' expense allowances.

Donahoe was enlisted in December to submit a full report by July 31.

Speaker Charlie Parker later said the board would meet before the end of the month, likely within two to three weeks. Parker said that at that time, the board would be looking at draft regulations on the $84 per diem for members during legislative sittings to eliminate so-called double dipping.

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B.C. auditor general says regulators need to monitor energy sites pollution

B.C. auditor general John Doyle says provincial regulators have to do a better job of monitoring contamination from oil and gas sites. In an audit of the B.C. Oil and Gas Commission, Doyle says the industry has grown significantly in the last decade, but so has the risk of pollution. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Try to green oilsands: Minister

Prentice says criticism would lessen if environmental efforts raised

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Jim Prentice, Minister of the Environment and Minister Responsible for Southern Alberta, talks to reporters at a media scrum in Calgary on Thursday.

Federal Environment Minister Jim Prentice says outside criticism of Alberta's oilsands will continue unless there is a constant effort to improve their environmental impact.

He was responding to an announcement by U.S. organic food store Whole Foods and home furnishings chain Bed, Bath and Beyond that they will not buy fuel derived from the oilsands.

Prentice says the companies have made their decisions and he won't try to reach out to them.

But he says it's Canada's responsibility to push back against such criticisms and make it clear to the rest of the world that the country is doing the right thing environmentally.

He says Canada should continue to aspire to be an energy superpower, but the country also needs to up its game on the environmental front.

Prentice pointed out that while Canada has environmental challenges with the oilsands, coal-fired power plants in the United States produce significantly more emissions.

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Military buys simulator to treat wounded

OTTAWA Military doctors say they will be able to treat Canadian soldiers who have been traumatized or wounded in the line of duty with a high-tech simulator that can recreate the experience that injured them.

The machine, to arrive in Ottawa this fall, will feature a 180-degree wrap-around screen, a split treadmill and surround sound. The technology can, for example, recreate an IED blast in Afghanistan or allow an amputee to learn how to drive again through images, sound and sensations.

The machine will cost about $1.5 million and will be based at the Ottawa Hospital Rehabilitation Centre. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

PRAIRIE BABIES The "Es" have it in Saskatchewan where Emma and Ethan were the most popular names for babies born in 2009. Emma had slipped to second spot in 2008, but regained top ranking last year. Ethan remained the most popular name for newborn boys in the province for the eighth year in a row. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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An 'honourable' politician

A former Nova Scotia cabinet minister who was expelled from the legislature two decades ago for cheating on his expenses will get to use the title "honourable" in front of his name. Billy Joe MacLean has been named to Nova Scotia's Executive Council by Lt.-Gov. Mayann Francis. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Battling pension deadlock

New report urges reform of system

Ottawa needs to break the deadlock in reforming the pension system by taking some first steps in next month's budget, says a new report.

Provinces, lobby groups and others all agree Canadians aren't saving enough for retirement, but the debate over what to do has stalled, says the report from the C.D. Howe Institute.

Instead of focusing on how to prevent the erosion of defined benefit plans, Ottawa should start with easier reforms to make the existing system more efficient, says William Robson, president of the Toronto-based think-tank.

"In its 2010 budget, the federal government can take some straightforward steps to break the ... mental deadlock," Robson says in a paper released Thursday.

"The 2010 federal budget could contain some straightforward steps to promote more tax-deferred saving, make good retirement saving plans accessible to more Canadians, and liberalize the rules governing retirement income — all no-regret steps toward larger, better third-pillar pensions."

He suggests giving savers more room in their registered retirement savings plans, or RRSPs, and their defined-contribution plans.

Robson proposes raising the age when people need to stop contributing to tax-deferred savings to 73 from 71. He also suggests aligning the rules for Retirement Income Funds and Life Income Funds to rules for annuities from pension plans.

And he wants to see an end to the tax disadvantages of group RRSPs.

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News in brief

POLITICS Sixteen board members from a Calgary Conservative riding association have resigned over what they say is interference from their own party. The Calgary West members say in a letter that the party's national council has restricted the board's access to funds, taken away control over elections at an upcoming general meeting and cut off access to the riding's membership.

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Quebec Francophonie meeting

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Quebec Premier Jean Charest, right, chats with Secretary-General of La Francophonie Abdou Diouf Thursday in Montreal.

H1N1's ICU rates higher than seasonal flu: Report

HEALTH A new report shows a higher proportion of Canadians needed specialized hospital care for H1N1 influenza than those admitted for complications of seasonal flu during a typical winter.

The study by the Canadian Institute for Health Information compared hospital statistics on H1N1 patients between April and December with figures for patients with regular flu during the 2007-2008 season.

Flu Outbreak

Almost one in six patients in hospital for H1N1 were admitted to the ICU, compared with less than one in 10 of those with seasonal flu or flu-related pneumonia.

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EU pledges shelters for Haiti

The European Union, criticized for its slow response to Haiti's earthquake, said Thursday it will mount a military operation to bring strong shelters to Haiti that can withstand heavy rains and hurricanes in the Caribbean. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Facebook deletes U.K. convicts' profiles

The criminals are behind bars but their victims are still feeling their reach. The British government said Thursday that Facebook had removed the profiles of 30 U.K. inmates at its request after incidents in which prisoners reportedly used the social networking site to taunt others. The Sunday Times newspaper reported last month that Colin Gunn – a gangland boss convicted of conspiring to murder a couple in 2004 – warned on Facebook that "I will be home one day and I can't wait to look into certain people's eyes and see the fear of me being there." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Germany **Watch your tie**

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Women dressed in carnival attire hold scissors as hundreds celebrate the start of a street carnival Thursday with the tradition of entering the town halls and women cutting off men's ties, on so-called "Old Women's Day" in Duesseldorf.

Displaced Haitians get alarming taste of rain

Haiti
Crisis

A pre-dawn rain shower soaked tens of thousands living in rudimentary shelters in Haiti's capital Thursday, an alarming taste of the havoc a sustained tropical downpour could wreak on this earthquake-ravaged country.

Rain collapsed cardboard shacks and soaked clothing and bedding at the Marassa 14 camp, where about 2,500 earthquake-displaced people live in a dry riverbed. People scrambled to shore up leaks.

Most of the estimated 1.2 million people that the UN says are living in temporary camps across Haiti dwell in simple structures made of bed sheets and plastic sheeting. Officials warn that more permanent shelter must be had before the rainy season begins within weeks.

In downtown Port-au-Prince, more than 1,000 people demanded shelter in separate protests outside the collapsed National Palace and at the police post where government ministers have temporary offices.

"They're not giving us tents. It's raining and now we are in trouble," said one protester, Saintel Petit.

Wildly conflicting death tolls from Haitian officials, meanwhile, have raised suspicions that no one really knows how many people died in the Jan. 12 earthquake.

The Communications Ministry triggered confusion Wednesday by releasing a statement saying 270,000 bodies had been buried. It later withdrew the statement, saying there was an error and blaming a typo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Released?

- The Haitian judge deciding whether 10 U.S. missionaries should face trial on charges of trying to take a busload of children out of the country said Thursday he will recommend that they be released provisionally while the investigation continues.

Clinton hospitalized with clogged artery

NEW YORK Former U.S. president Bill Clinton had two stents inserted Thursday to prop open a clogged heart artery after being hospitalized with chest pains, an adviser said. Clinton, 63, "is in good spirits and will continue to focus on the work of his foundation and Haiti's relief," said adviser Douglas Band. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton left Washington and headed to New York to be with her husband, who underwent the procedure at New York Presbyterian Hospital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Iran's nuclear announcement helped thaw Moscow and Ottawa relations – a thaw that earned Stephen Harper a Finnish tongue-lashing. Scan this code for the story.

Rates Rise Again

Ontario Regulators Approve More Increases To Car Insurance Rates

Are Rates REALLY Going Up Again?

Unfortunately, the answer is yes. The most recent round of rate increases approved by Ontario regulators has confirmed everyone's worst fears. Car insurance rates are continuing on their one-way trip upwards despite news late last year that the government will soon be introducing reforms to give consumers more choice and flexibility. The most recent increases for the fourth quarter of 2009 bring the average increase across Ontario insurers over the last 12 months to 8.8%. Depending on the insurance company you are with and your situation, you might be on the road to seeing double-digit increases.

Is There Any Hope Of Paying LESS For Car Insurance?

Absolutely. Rates may be on the rise, but the size of the increases can vary significantly from one company to the next and from driver to driver, so don't be fooled by the headlines which suggest we're all doomed to pay more for car insurance. The truth is that rates charged by different insurance companies to insure the same driver, with the same car, for the same coverage, can vary by hundreds and even thousands of dollars. Take a look at the table below.

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Two Sunni politicians barred from running
An Iraqi panel issued a final ruling Thursday to bar two prominent Sunni politicians from running in next month's elections. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

D.C. digging out

Washington-Baltimore area recovering from record snow

Crews in Maryland worked to rescue motorists stranded on highways in snow drifts up to eight feet and utility workers scrambled to restore power to more than 100,000 customers a day after a powerful storm disrupted the lives of some 50 million people from the southern plains up through the East Coast.

The storm has been blamed for more than a dozen deaths, mostly in traffic accidents.

Snowbound airports resumed limited operations but many flights were still cancelled or delayed. School systems in the path of the storm remained closed for a second day, including in Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., although New York City school children headed back to class after only their third snow day in six years.

The latest storm dumped over 19 inches in Baltimore, 10 inches in Washington, D.C. and 16 inches in Philadelphia. About 20 inches fell in central New Jersey and totals ranged from 10 to 16 inches around New York City.

Rescue workers in western Maryland broke through six-to-eight-foot snowdrifts to reach motorists in more than two dozen vehicles stranded overnight on U.S. 340. The highway became impassable after two tractor-trailers jack knifed and blocked the road.

Frederick County Director of Emergency Preparedness Seamus Mooney said by noon Thursday they were down to 12 vehicles with people still in them. He said others walked home or got rides to their destinations.

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Navid Vardi clears a walkway to his store in Washington's Georgetown area on Thursday.

Snow caps crime

- The news wasn't all bad. Washington, D.C. – which had 143 homicides last year – has not had a murder in a week.

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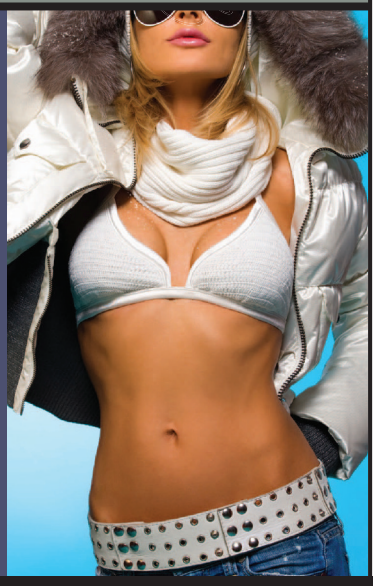

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Ukrainian PM refuses to concede defeat

Ukraine's Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko ignored calls Thursday to concede defeat in the presidential election and resign her post. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Poland **Fat Thursday**

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Workers carry trays with doughnuts for sale at a confectionery shop in Warsaw, Thursday. The last Thursday of Carnival in Poland is called "Fat Thursday," with many people eating more cakes than usual, especially doughnuts.

Police arrest protesters

Sri Lankan police swinging batons dispersed a crowd Thursday protesting the detention of the defeated opposition presidential candidate, former army chief Sarath Fonseka, who appealed to his supporters for calm.

Police arrested at least eight people — including a Buddhist monk — during the protest, according to an Associated Press photographer.

Military police arrested Fonseka on Monday on charges he plotted a coup while still in control of the armed forces.

Fonseka's followers say the move is revenge against him for daring to challenge President Mahinda Rajapaksa in last month's election and is meant to prevent him from contesting April parliamentary elections.

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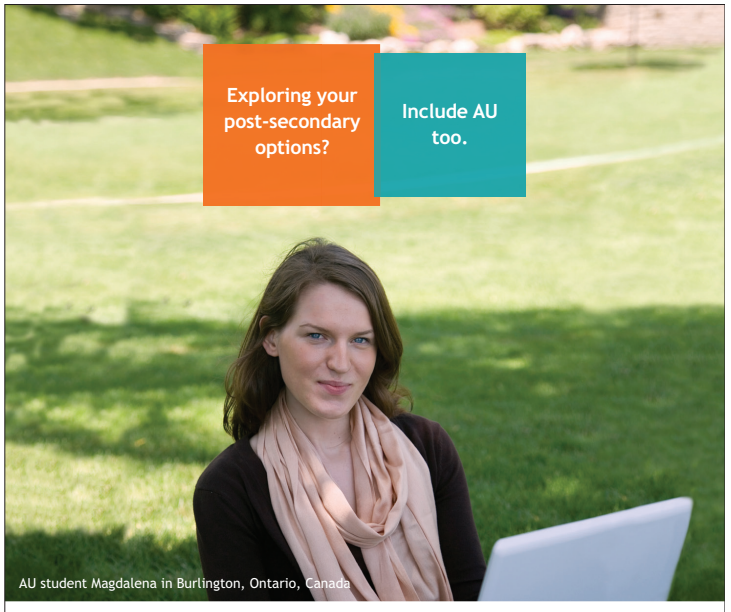

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Suicide attack wounds five Americans

A suicide bomber wearing an Afghan border policeman's uniform blew himself up Thursday at a U.S. base near the Pakistani frontier, wounding five Americans, an Afghan official said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

DEATHS Two explosions went off near a police complex in a northwestern Pakistani city Thursday, killing at least eight people and wounding more than 20 others including the local police chief, authorities said. The blasts in Bannu underscored the relentless security threat in Pakistan's regions bordering Afghanistan despite Pakistani army offensives and U.S. missile strikes aimed at al-Qaida and Taliban fighters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hope fades in avalanche rescue

AFGHANISTAN Using bulldozers, shovels, and satellite images, rescue teams dug through mounds of snow Thursday searching for victims of an avalanche disaster in Afghanistan as the death toll rose to 171 and the hope of finding more survivors faded.

Some 3,000 people have already been rescued from the snowbound, 3,800-metre-high Salang Pass, which is the major route through the Hindu Kush mountains that connects the capital to the north.

Public Works Minister Suhrab Ali Safari said five more bodies were discovered Thursday on the pass, 115 kilometres north of the capital, bringing the total to 171.

It was unclear how many more bodies may be buried in the snow. Hundreds of soldiers and police plowed through huge snowdrifts.

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Local victims

- Basgul Hassani of Hamilton and her daughter Farida Hammady were among those killed in the avalanches. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PIER PAOLO CITO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. soldiers of the 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 5th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, walk past a RG-31 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle as they come back after a mission in Helmand province, Afghanistan, Thursday.

Troops prepare for huge strike

U.S. and Afghan soldiers linked up with Marines on the outskirts of the Taliban stronghold of Marjah on Thursday, sealing off escape routes and setting the stage for what is being described as the biggest offensive of the nine-year war.

Taliban defenders repeatedly fired rockets and mortars at units poised in foxholes along the edge of the town, apparently trying to lure NATO forces into skirmishes before the big attack.

"They're trying to draw us in," said Capt. Joshua Winfrey, 30, of Tulsa, Okla., commander of Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines.

Up to 1,000 militants are believed holed up in Marjah, a key Taliban logistics base and centre of the lucrative opium poppy trade. But the biggest threats are likely to be the land mines and bombs hidden in the roads and fields of the farming community, 380 miles (610 kilometres) southwest of Kabul.

The precise date for the attack has been kept secret. U.S. officials have signalled for weeks they planned to seize Marjah, a town of about 80,000 people in Helmand province and the biggest community in southern Afghanistan under Taliban control.

NATO officials say the goal is to seize the town quickly and re-establish Afghan government authority, bringing public services in hopes of winning support of the townspeople once the Taliban are gone. Hundreds of Afghan soldiers were to join U.S. Marines in the attack to emphasize the Afghan role in the operation.

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Brit killed

- A British soldier was killed in a bombing Thursday in Helmand province, the Ministry of Defence announced in London. It was unclear whether the soldier was part of the Marjah operation.

Police recover stolen blood plasma

Polish police recovered 11 tons of human blood plasma that had been stolen from a U.S. company while the driver made a rest stop in Germany, and was on its way to Austria, officials said Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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People climb around a statue of former South African president Nelson Mandela during celebrations outside the Drakenstein prison near Cape Town, South Africa, Thursday.

Tributes paid to Mandela

South African lawmakers sang Nelson Mandela's praises Thursday as the anti-apartheid icon settled into parliament's public gallery for a State of the Nation address scheduled in tribute to his 20 years of freedom.

Mandela was released in 1990 after spending 27 years in prison and went on to lead South Africa through the last stretch of a stunning, peaceful revolution from apartheid to democracy.

His release was remembered as triumphant Thursday, but the moment was uncertain and anxious for South Africa, and it is a testimony to Mandela's statesmanship that things went so well.

"When Mandela was released we did not know what was going happen," said Nontuntuzelo Faku, who joined thousands of people who marked Thursday's anniversary near Cape Town at what was known in 1990 as Victor Verster, the last prison where Mandela was held.

Being at the prison 20 years later, Faku said, "makes me realize how far the country has come."

In 2008, a 3-metre (10-feet) high bronze statue was erected at the prison depicting Mandela's first steps as a free man. Exactly 20 years ago, Mandela emerged from Victor Verster on foot, hand-in-hand with his then-wife Winnie, fist raised, smiling but resolute.

The release of Mandela, known affectionately by his clan name, Madiba, was the culmination of an eventful few days for South Africa. On Feb. 2, then-president F.W. de Klerk announced the unbanning of the ANC and other organizations. On Feb. 10, de Klerk announced at a press conference that Mandela would be released the next day.

Whites conditioned to see Mandela as a shadowy enemy — most did not know what he looked like because images of him had been banned — were shocked and confused. Blacks were uncertain that Mandela, who had begun negotiations with the white government from the isolation of prison, was right to trust de Klerk. Civil war seemed possible.

"I think the imprint of February is deeply etched into the psyche of our nation," Mac Maharaj, a key ANC leader at the time, said. "That image of Madiba, Winnie, walking out of Victor Verster, holding hands. Madiba looking quite, quite sombre, not celebratory ... and I think I see a sense of bewilderment in him."

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Freedom

- In a chapter of his autobiography titled simply Freedom, Mandela said he was surprised so many people had come to greet him outside the prison.

China upholds 11 years in jail for activist

CHINA A Chinese court on Thursday upheld the unprecedented 11-year sentence of a prominent academic who called for political reform — the latest in a rash of harsh punishments for activists that underscore Beijing's refusal to brook any dissent.

The ruling — the third legal defeat this week for veteran Chinese activists — drew a rare public rebuke from the U.S. ambassador, who said Liu Xiaobo should be released immediately. Liu's hearing at Beijing's high court took less than 10 minutes, and the activist was not given a chance to speak. "I'm innocent!" he called out before being taken away.

While social and economic reforms have generally led to greater personal freedom for many Chinese citizens, the government's intolerance of political dissent has hardened. Dissidents are routinely arrested or detained and the lawyers who defend them are harassed.

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News in brief

ENERGY Argentina has escalated its dispute with Britain over oil and gas exploration in the South Atlantic, blocking a ship it said was carrying drilling equipment for the disputed Falkland Islands from leaving the port of Buenos Aires. Last week Argentina formally objected to the start of oil and gas exploration in the islands.

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Frontline transit workers are the most visible villains in the uproar over TTC customer service. They can be rude, unhelpful and resentful of the very passengers whose fares pay most of their wages.

But TTC workers aren't the only bad guys in this story. Much of what makes the public angry about the transit system can be traced to decisions made higher up in the chain of command. The St. Clair streetcar project was a costly fiasco that undermined public confidence in the transit commission's ability to run its own show.

The mishandling of the latest fare hike enraged passengers faced with token rationing and bungled attempts to deal with left-over tickets. The garbled subway announcements that do nothing to explain train delays fuel commuter frustration.

And the TTC's failure to make transit system maps readily available in trains and subway stations is pathetically inept. Subway systems the world over manage this most basic task.

Gary Webster, the TTC's chief general manager, ignored all such irritants in his recent memo lambasting transit workers for a "culture of unacceptable operating discipline." Scapegoating your employees while ignoring your own part in the imbroglio does not inspire the team.

Then there's TTC chair Adam Giambrone. In between strategizing for his now-defunct mayoralty bid and pursuing a string of "inappropriate relationships," when did the man have time to ensure the transit system worked for the people who depend on it? The answer is he didn't, at least not in the minds of transit riders: Giambrone, if he lasts as commission chair, is about as popular as that snoozing fare collector.

Finally, passengers' disenchantment with the TTC is also rooted in Toronto's love affair with the car. Devotees who howl at the prospect of left-turn bans, protest the elimination of on-street parking and cry foul over construction disruptions on new transit routes undermine the system as surely as the bus driver who left passengers stranded while he went for coffee.

In a bid to lower the temperature, Giambrone promised an outside advisory panel on service issues and the TTC workers' union plans to hold public meetings to hear complaints and present employees' side of the story. Voters, however, should concentrate on what really counts, and that's grilling municipal election candidates about their plans for restoring the TTC to public favour. Real change, it's worth remembering, starts at the top.

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Views

Spotting a Growing problem in homes

Marketplace

Do a quick Google search of "marijuana grow-ops" in Canada, and the headlines pop up. In just the past month: "RCMP estimate as many as 10,000 grow-ops in British Columbia," "Mounties encounter more sophisticated grow-ops," "Halifax police charge six in grow-op." And on they go.

There's no denying, Canada has become a "source country" for marijuana. Meaning, there's lots of money to be made, largely by organized crime.

And where are criminals setting up shop? Step outside your house. Look down the block to the left. Then look to the right. Chances are, a house near you is hiding a grow-op secret.

So what happens when the police bust these homes? Or when the growers figure it's time to move on? Often, these houses get quickly patched up and put on the market, leaving the next homebuyer stuck with expensive problems — like mould, dangerous wiring, and structural damage.

If you think hiring a home inspector is going to protect you, think again. Some are trained to spot the grow-op warning signs, but many have no idea what to look for. And accreditation or other fancy titles aren't much of a guarantee either. Watch what happens tonight when we invite inspectors to a bait house, to spot obvious grow-op warning signs. One claims to be an engineer, two are certified and another is a registered home inspector. By the end of the show, you'll probably learn to do a better job spotting a grow-op coverup than they do.

"Try this. Step outside your house. Look down the block to the left. Then look to the right. Chances are, a house near you is hiding a grow-op secret."

So when it comes time to hire a home inspector, there are a few things to ask.

Firstly, what kind of experience does the inspector have? If they don't have much, that's a big red flag.

What kind of training do they have? And is it relevant? That's key — even if someone is an engineer, it doesn't mean they're qualified to inspect a home.

Are they independent? Never hire a home inspector who's been referred by a real estate agent — they may feel obliged to help sell a house in bad condition. The inspector also shouldn't be part of a construction or homebuilder group, or offer repair services themselves.

What kind of equipment does the home inspector bring along? They should have a camera, binoculars, a ladder, maybe even an infrared camera. Their reports should include photographs, and include detailed explanations of what's been found.

Lastly, can you follow them around during an inspection? A good inspector will encourage you to take part, and will clearly communicate any serious problems — not bury them in a checklist.

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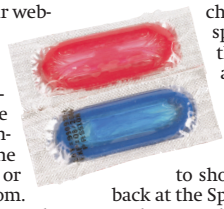
Worth mentioning

'Wonder Vag' character to teach teens about safe sex

HEALTH The public health unit in London, Ont., is using comic book-themed superheroes and a villain named the evil "Sperminator" to teach teens about safe sex.



Visitors to their website can play the game "Adventures in Sex City," by choosing one of the characters: Wonder Vag, Willy the Kid, Power Pap or Captain Condom. The goal is to correctly answer 25 questions about sexual health and defeat the evil Sperminator, a character with penises for arms.

Shaya Dhinsa, manager of sexual health at the Middlesex-London Health Unit, says they worked directly with teens to develop a resource that would catch their attention and teach important information.

If players answer a question wrong the Sperminator shoots their character with sperm, but if the question is answered correctly their character uses a "condom shield" to shoot the sperm back at the Sperminator.

The game begins by saying: "In the dark of the night Sex City is in panic because of the terrible Sperminator, whose sole mission is to infect all citizens with various sexually transmitted infections."

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RETAIL Liquidation World Inc. plans to reduce the number of stores it operates to 91 by the end of this fiscal quarter, down from 96 currently, the company said Thursday.

Up to eight stores will be closed and three new stores opened during the quarter, it said. The closures were announced along with Liquidation World's latest financial report, for the fiscal first quarter ended Jan. 3.

Revenue in the quarter was $44.1 million, down 6.2 per cent from $47.1 million in 2009.

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Blockbuster earnings

Avatar helps Cineplex net $9.5M in last quarter

A slate of high-profile blockbusters helped Canada's biggest movie theatre exhibitor Cineplex Galaxy Income Fund pull off a stronger fourth quarter and a record year in both box-office receipts and concession sales.

The Toronto-based income trust said Thursday that quarterly earnings were $9.5 million for the period ended Dec. 31, helped by the early results from James Cameron's Avatar, which was playing in theatres during the last 13 days of the quarter.

The quarterly earnings were a 37 per cent increase from $6.9 million a year before.

Avatar was the No. 1 performing film in the quarter generating 11.8 per cent of total box-office revenue, said president and CEO Ellis Jacob. Since then, Avatar has gone on to become the top grossing film of all time, bringing in more than $2 billion US globally so far.

The film's box-office results have been helped by premium ticket prices for both its digital 3-D and Imax 3-D versions, which can be sold for about $3 to $5 more then the average movie ticket.

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Business in brief

FUND The Canada Pension Plan Fund reported assets of $123.9 billion at the end of its third quarter, as it recovered from a fall to $108.9 billion a year earlier when plummeting stock markets caused an investment loss of 6.7 per cent. The fund said it generated $2.2 billion in investment income.

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Better pricing boosts cigarette maker's profit

Cigarette maker Philip Morris said higher selling prices and the weaker U.S. dollar helped its fourth-quarter profit rise five per cent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A woman looks out the window at Nortel Networks' corporate headquarters in Toronto in this Jan. 14 file photo.

Staff retention plan

Nortel asks courts to approve $92M proposal

Nortel Networks Corp. is asking both U.S. and Canadian courts to approve a new $92-million US employee retention plan designed to keep some key staff from quitting their jobs as various business units are sold off.

The former star Canadian telecom equipment vendor said Thursday buyers for its various business divisions have made it clear they want Nortel to hang onto certain employees to ensure a smooth transition.

The jobs range from the company's finance department to supply chain management, research and development, and human resources, Nortel said in a statement.

$2B Nortel says it has received $2 billion US from the completed sales of its assets, while $1 billion US more is expected once previously announced sales are completed.

A representative for Nortel confirmed the Toronto-headquartered company will foot about $11 million US of the retention plan bill, representing about 12 per cent of the overall cost. The remaining 88 per cent would be funded by the companies that buy Nortel's businesses, a stipulation made in the sales agreements.

That makes the plan worth about $91.7 million US overall, with the buyers paying about $80.7 million US of that.

Nortel said its employee retention plan was created with the help of independent advisers who factored in the possibility that more stable and competitive jobs could lure staff away.

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Rachel versus Zenyatta: The race is on

One day after a matchup of horse racing's leading ladies was put on hold, the owner of Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs, Ark., worked out a compromise to match the champion females Rachel and Zenyatta for the first time — in the $5-million US Apple Blossom Invitational on April 9. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Ticats coach in running for award

Marcel Bellefeuille was recognized Thursday for leading the Hamilton Tiger-Cats to their first home playoff game in eight years, being named as one of three finalists for the CFL's coach of the year award. Joining him are Marc Trestman of the Grey Cup champion Montreal Alouettes, and Ken Miller, who guided the Saskatchewan Roughriders to the West Division title. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Trade deadline not worrying Ponikarovsky

MAPLE LEAFS Alexei Ponikarovsky's bags are packed. But not for the emotional roller coaster of being traded.

He's prepped for a real thrill ride.

Ponikarovsky is taking his family to Disney World for the Olympic break.

"It's not like I'm thinking about (a potential trade) constantly," said the winger, who is almost certain to be dealt before the NHL's March 3 trade deadline.

"What's the point to be worried about that. It's a business. You can be traded anytime.

"You just have to be mentally ready and expect it sometime."

After facing the Blues at St. Louis Friday night, the Leafs, at least the ones not going to Vancouver, are on vacation until they check back in for an afternoon practice on Feb. 24.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Where the dreams began

Bosh returns home as both a changed man and player

Chris Bosh left Dallas a gangly teen with hopes and dreams but no expectations; no real feel for what the world held for him or how long it would take him to find out where he fit in it.

He returns this weekend not as a conquering hero but close to one, maybe the best basketball player Dallas has ever produced — a dominant, five-time NBA all-star.

Not bad for a kid who was not much thicker than a twig when he left Lincoln High School for Georgia Tech eight years ago with no idea what he would morph into and who could only dream about becoming what he's become.

"I was thinking it was two to three years that I was going to be in school," Bosh said in an interview this week. "Everything was just hoping and wishing. That was a different mentality. It was like 'maybe I can make the league, I want to do this and maybe I want to do that.' You just hope for everything."

A lot of what Bosh had hoped for has indeed come true for the 25-year-old Raptors power forward. He's about to play in his fourth all-star game (he was selected to the team one other time but forced out of the game due to injury) and he's won an Olympic gold medal. He's having his best season ever for the Raptors, averaging career highs in points and rebounds and emerging as a dominant force in nearly every game.

He will be one of the most coveted free agents on the market this summer, a fact that has Raptors fans worried about losing another "franchise player." Not bad for a relative kid who should have as much as a decade left in his career.

"For me, it happened kind of fast, it got accelerated kind of fast," Bosh said.

"I'm still a young dude and I get to do all this stuff. Get to play in the all-star game … be on this (Toronto) team, be a leader. "It's pretty cool what's happened."

Chris Bosh

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Sports in brief

BASEBALL Outfielder Corey Hart has become the first player on the Milwaukee Brewers to go to arbitration in 12 years. Hart asked a panel of arbitrators Thursday for a raise to $4.8 million US from $3.25 million.

NBA The NBA says Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers and Allen Iverson of the Philadelphia 76ers won't play in the all-star game this weekend.

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Portsmouth derby fever may eclipse cash woes

With Portsmouth in danger of going out of business and finishing last in the Premier League, it might appear things couldn't get much worse.

"The opportunity to go to our old friends and hopefully turn them over in their backyard is extra special." Portsmouth midfielder Richard Hughes on facing Southampton

Now comes the threat of being knocked out of the cup by third division Southampton, its bitter south coast neighbour.

A day after Portsmouth temporarily survived a winding up order, gaining at least another week to try and pay off tax debts, coach Avram Grant and his players were able to concentrate Thursday on beating Southampton.

Their opponents have also had their own cash problems. They received a 10-point punishment this season for going into financial administration, but have lost only six of 28 games in League One. With local bragging rights at stake, Southampton will be tough to beat at its St. Mary's stadium on Saturday.

Portsmouth midfielder Richard Hughes believes the extra interest of facing its neighbour will lift some of the gloom of the club's financial plight.

"It was the draw I was hoping for," he said. "And, to be absolutely honest, although the fans would have loved for a chance to welcome them back to our patch, I'm pleased to be playing them away from home.

"We've yet to beat them at St. Mary's and so the opportunity to go to our old friends and hopefully turn them over in their backyard is extra special."

This is the first time in almost five years that the two teams have met because Southampton was relegated from the top flight in 2005 and even slipped into the third division this season.

"The derby is a match that I've always most enjoyed in my time at Portsmouth," Hughes said. "It's always quite a lively day and the one disappointment that came from them going down is that we haven't been able to play them since.

Portsmouth faced seventime European champion Milan in last season's UEFA Cup having won the FA Cup the season before.

Since then, its fortunes have nosedived, especially after the departure of manager Harry Redknapp to Tottenham last season. With only 16 points from 25 games, Portsmouth has six fewer than anyone else and is eight away from safety. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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What to watch on Friday

Here's a look at some of Friday's TV highlights at the Winter Olympics: 1 p.m. ET: Ski jumping normal hill individual 1st round (Sportsnet), 9 p.m. to midnight ET: Opening ceremonies (CTV, TSN, Sportsnet). THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver Games

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The waiting is over

When most people hold their breath, they turn blue.

For the millions of Canadians waiting for the start of the 2010 Winter Olympics on Friday, they've been turning red.

The nation has waited for more than 20 years for these Olympics to finally claim a prize denied twice before: an Olympic gold medal on home soil.

In this simple piece of metal are cast the hopes and dreams of the country and by the time the Olympics begin, Canada will be full to bursting with anticipation.

And that's exactly how the Vancouver Olympic organizing committee wants it.

When they bid for the Games in 2003, said VANOC chief executive officer John Furlong, it was with a very distinct vision.

"We thought we could be a nation builder," he said. "The Games could be a moment in time for Canada where every Canadian could feel like they had participated in not just watching this and cheering it on, but in actual fact playing a role in helping it be successful."

Together with the federal government and Canadian Olympic Committee officials Vancouver organizers ran the ambitious Own the Podium program, a $117 million effort to ensure Canada wins more medals than any other country at these Games.

It was a gutsy move for an organizing committee, whose job in the past has been merely to act as the gracious host for the world and show off a little bit of their country's charm while they're at it.

"It's not something that we recommend an organizing committee do. You have to put resources to that, it costs you money, it costs you resources, it costs you a lot of effort," said Gilbert Felli, the IOC's executive director of Games.

"But they have done it, and they have done it very well and we are very pleased about it."

The goal wasn't just to change the way the country feels about sport, but about itself, said Dave Cobb, deputy executive director for the organizing committee.

"I think it has become accepted in this country that it's all right to say we want to be No. 1," he said.

"But to do it in a way that's not arrogant, not necessarily expected everywhere."

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Canadian figure skaters Jessica Dube and Bryce Davison

Cauldron lighting demands greatness

Keep this in mind when thinking about the lighting of the Olympic cauldron.

Few rules govern the process.

In the past we've witnessed an archer, a flying ski jumper and a gymnast circling the roof of a Bird's Nest, as they performed the solemn ritual. There's been more than a little gimmickry reflected in the flames that have presided over previous Olympic gatherings.

Not this time. Only greatness will do.

Here's a theory to fuel the debate as all Canadians rekindle the fires of their Olympic passion. There will be not one but four torchers on the day and they will concurrently gather around the cauldron to set a celebration of Canadian Olympic history ablaze.

They will be iconic figures spanning generations in a land of ice and snow. Included in their ranks will be the defining Olympians of a winter nation.

"The Great One," will be there.

How could Wayne Gretzky, our seminal hockey player, not be? He is synonymous with the game and the country and by assembling the team that delivered the first men's hockey gold in 50 years in 2002, Gretzky forever cemented our loyalty.

Nancy Greene will make the cut. She spawned a fascination with skiing by winning gold at the 1968 Olympics. Every member of this year's alpine team emerged from the Nancy Greene Racing League that keeps the sport strong in Canada.

"Canada's Sweetheart," Barbara Ann Scott will grace the proceedings.

The only Canadian winner of individual figure skating gold, Scott's legacy endures. And she won in 1948 at St. Moritz as the World was healing the wounds of war. Barbara Ann Scott is a lock in my books.

As is speed skater Catriona Le May Doan.

She was known as "The Fastest Woman on Ice," the only Canadian Olympian, winter or summer, to have won gold medals in consecutive Games. Le May Doan's address to the IOC in 2003 swung the vote and helped get Vancouver/Whistler the Olympics in the first place.

Together they'll do it — our greatest skier, figure skater, speed skater and hockey player.

They are four strong symbols of the country and the Olympics who will gather the world around the roaring cauldron's light on opening night.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Read their lips: Vocals will be synched, not dubbed

LIP-SYNCH Two years after piped-in vocals from a seven-year-old songbird touched off a controversy at the Beijing Games, Vancouver Olympic organizers are hoping to avoid a similar scandal by being clear about plans for the 2010 opening ceremonies.

Yes, VANOC says, performers will lip-synch at Friday's festivities. But they're also quick to point out the distinction between that method and the dubbing that inspired such outrage in Beijing.

In 2008, a button-cute nine-year-old girl's stirring rendition of Ode to the Motherland was among the highlights of the extravagant opening ceremonies.

But when it was revealed that the vocal was actually delivered by another child — the seven-year-old, tucked away off-screen because producers didn't consider her telegenic — newspapers around the world condemned the fakery.

But David Atkins, executive producer of the Vancouver opening ceremonies, points out that what happened in China was actually dubbing, not lip-synching — the distinction being that lip-synching involves a singer mimicking a backing track of his or her own voice, while dubbing means misrepresenting someone else's voice as the singer's own.

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Canada, U.S. ready to do it all over again

Women's hockey squads set to add new chapter to longstanding rivalry

If the players on the American women's hockey team are out to avenge their loss on home ice to Canada at the 2002 Olympics, they're not saying so.

Canada and the United States are the top-ranked teams in any women's hockey event, and their now 20-year-old rivalry will add another chapter beginning Saturday at the 2010 Winter Games.

The Americans can do in Vancouver what the Canadians did in Salt Lake City eight years ago — get an upset victory in the final in their dreaded rival's rink.

"I'm not focused on paying them back, just on playing my best hockey," three-time Olympian Julie Chiu of the U.S. squad said Thursday. "We lost the gold medal, it happened to be on our soil, and here we want to put ourselves in position to be in the gold medal game.

"Our goal is to win a gold medal, and if it's on Canadian soil, that's what it turns out to be."

"They're not only the defending gold medallist, they're hosting, and it's their national sport — they have a lot on their shoulders. ... We have no pressure."
Team USA's Angela Ruggiero on the Canadian women

It is the fourth time women's hockey will be a medal sport at the Olympics. The Americans beat Canada 3-1 in the first final in Nagano, Japan, in 1998, but Canada answered with a 3-2 victory four years later, despite an American referee who slapped Canada with 13 minor penalties.

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Members of the USA women's ice hockey team look on during a press conference in Vancouver on Thursday.

The U.S. hit a speed bump in 2006 in Turin, Italy, losing 3-2 to Sweden in the semifinals. Canada beat the Swedes 4-1 to claim the gold medal and the Americans settled for bronze.

The setback prompted changes in the American team, and 15 first-time Olympians are on the 21-player squad in Vancouver.

They check themselves now before discussing any impending meeting with Canada, knowing there are games that must be won against underdogs first — starting Sunday against China.

"You saw it in the last Games, we overlooked Sweden a bit, so we're focusing one game at a time," said Angela Ruggiero, who is at her fourth Olympics.

Still, Ruggiero is pleased to load any extra pressure she can on Canada.

"They're not only the defending gold medallist, they're hosting, and it's their national sport — they have a lot on their shoulders," she said.

"They can deny it as much as they want, but there's the weight of a nation on them.

"We have no pressure. We know what we have to do to win."

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Doping prevalent but no Canadians disqualified

CRACKDOWN More than 30 athletes have been dropped from Winter Olympic teams from around the world because of doping violations, the World Anti-Doping Agency said on Thursday.

The agency would not reveal a precise number or name the athletes involved. Nor would its officials say which sports the ejected athletes compete in or which countries they represent. But no Canadian athletes were disqualified from the Games for doping, Canadian Olympic Committee President Michael Chambers said.

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Flame arrives at Vancouver's city hall

RELAY The Olympic flame has arrived at Vancouver's city hall to hundreds of cheering spectators waving small Canadian flags.

Mayor Gregor Robertson was there to welcome the flame to Vancouver just as he was there to usher the flame on to Canadian soil when the run began in October.

Robertson told the crowd the moment they have been waiting for years has finally arrived.

The torch will stay in Vancouver for the rest of the day, eventually reaching a massive community celebration planned in the city's downtown.

On Friday, it will be passed hand-to-hand among celebrities like Arnold Schwarzenegger and Canadian icons like Walter Gretzky, Wayne's father, before the flame is ushered to the stadium where it will light the cauldron to start the Games.

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Firefighter Brian Bogdanovich carries the Olympic torch to Vancouver City Hall Thursday afternoon. Several hundred people showed up to cheer the torch's arrival.

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Thick and messy snow could prove helpful to Canadians

BIATHLON Canada's biathletes are counting on the sport's unpredictability — and a dose of wet, mucky snow — as possible routes to surprise podium finishes as competitions begin this weekend.

Medal hopefuls Jean-Philippe Le Guellec of Quebec City and Zina Kocher of Canmore, Alta., were praising the thick, wet flakes falling on the course Thursday, hoping it becomes one more element to help Canada crack European domination of biathlon.

Le Guellec, 24, is known to "float" over the snow when it's thick and messy, and he's backed by a waxing technician team that is arguably the most experienced in the world on Callaghan Valley's warm and variable conditions.

Not since 1994's Games in Lillehammer, when Myriam Bedard pulled off two golds and a bronze, has Canada had such opportunities for a medal in this shooting and skiing sport, he argues.

"It's definitely a possibility. The trail here and the way the whole system is set up, anything can happen for anyone," he said after training in the moist snow that fell throughout Thursday.

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VW GTI named car of year

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Toronto

Yearly testing wrapped up last fall, the votes were counted, and the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC) has just made their most important announcement of the year.

Every year, the panel of Canadian automotive professionals kicks off the Canadian International Auto Show (CIAS) in Toronto, with their Car of the Year and Utility Vehicle of the Year announcements.

The two overall winners come from a list of semi-finalists derived from a larger list of category winners. This year's category winners came from a dozen vehicle classes, which originated from a field of more than 50 different models.

2010 Canadian Car of the Year: Volkswagen GTI

The Volkswagen GTI beat out the other category winners and semi-finalists in factors like styling, safety, value and merit for the win.

"We are very proud to win this very prestigious award and wish to thank the AJAC members for bestowing this recognition upon our car," John White, president and CEO of Volkswagen Group Canada Inc., said Thursday. "The Golf GTI is the heart and soul of Volkswagen. To have the Golf GTI named Canadian Car of the Year today by Canada's automotive media is a very proud moment for us, indeed, and represents the culmination of the hard work on the part of everyone in the Volkswagen Brand around the world."

2010 Canadian Utility Vehicle of the Year: Subaru Outback

Subaru's Outback beat semi-finalists from Lexus and Volkswagen to become the Canadian Utility Vehicle of the Year.

The redesigned Outback boasts several engine and driveline improvements for 2010, as well as a larger new body.

The Subaru Outback is the 2010 Canadian Sport Utility Vehicle of the Year.

2010 Best New Technology Award: Audi Canada's Drive Select system

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The Volkswagen GTI is the 2010 Canadian Car of the Year.

2010 Best New Design: BMW 335d Sedan

The AJAC Best New Design award is given yearly to a vehicle that best combines form and function in a single package. This year, the win went to BMW's diesel-powered 335d Sedan. The 335d was a luxury-car category winner as well — and the only diesel vehicle in its voting category.

2010 Best New Green Technology: Ford's hybrid system with Smart Gauge

Many new green technologies hit the market in the recent past — but Ford takes the award for Best New Green Technology with its next-generation hybrid system with Smart Gauge. According to Ford, the system has helped their Fusion Hybrid sedan to become the most fuel-efficient vehicle in its segment.

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More than just thrills

Shutter Island takes DiCaprio to psychological depths

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

The last time James Cameron made the most successful film of all time, he didn't emerge as the project's most famous face.

That fame fell on Leonardo DiCaprio, who was always uneasy about his superstar status.

In the decade since Titanic, DiCaprio has gone out of his way to embrace projects that force audiences to think of him as an actor rather than a celebrity. His primary partner in crime during this period has been legendary director Martin Scorsese.

The pair have made four films together, the most recent of which is Shutter Island (opening next week). DiCaprio loves working with the director because of his deep appreciation for actors.

"The one thing that I don't think people understand about Scorsese is how much he believes in his actors," DiCaprio told Metro. "He's a master filmmaker, but he always lets the actors dictate what he puts up on the screen."

Following their Oscar-winning collaboration The Departed, Scorsese and DiCaprio decided to turn their attention to a thriller by Mystic River author Dennis Lehane.

Actor Leonardo DiCaprio, pictured, and director Martin Scorsese team up for the fourth time in Shutter Island.

On paper, Shutter Island seems like little more than a genre movie about a detective investigating a twisted mental institution. However, there are more than just thrills in the film — even if Scorsese and DiCaprio weren't completely conscious of it when they signed on.

"Once we started to unravel who this man was and and the nature of what was going on, it took us to places that we never could have foreseen," the actor said.

As DiCaprio worked on the film, the complexities of the project and his character began to peel away like an onion.

"When you read something a character can seem one way, but until you're actually on set doing it there's really no way to fully understand him," admitted DiCaprio.

Careful not to give away the film's surprises, he continued, "We suddenly realized that we had to push certain boundaries that we didn't think we needed to initially. Everything changed and there were a few weeks that I have to say were some of the most hardcore filming experiences I've ever had. It was almost like reliving trauma.

"I don't say that sort of stuff very often because it always seems superficial when you're talking about a movie, but we really went to places unearthing who this man was that I didn't think we would get to."

Shutter Island should be a pleasant surprise for audiences, offering all of the suspense and entertainment expected from a thriller but with a psychological depth that isn't quite as common.

Shutter Island opens next Friday

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Convoluted storytelling slays Wolfman plot

The Wolfman
Director: Joe Johnston
Stars: : Benicio Del Toro, Anthony Hopkins, Emily Blunt
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕

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Wolfman stars Benicio Del Toro, a talented lead but working with a poor movie script.

REVIEW The blockbuster Wolfman remake arrives on screens this weekend after countless delays (including the original director quitting shortly before shooting began). That's never a good sign, but with a cast that includes Benicio Del Toro and Anthony Hopkins along with some stunning Gothic production design, it at least looked like the project had a shot at working.

Sadly, it doesn't. Though the filmmakers get a number of elements right, they can all be admired on the poster. Once the movie starts playing, disappointment sets in.

The failure of this edition of The Wolfman comes down to the writing. The simple story about an involuntary and tortured monster has been expanded into a ludicrous murder mystery that barely hangs together.

Benicio Del Toro's troubled protagonist returns home following the death of his brother, greeted by an impossibly evil father (Anthony Hopkins) and the news that a werewolf is stocking his town. Unsurprisingly Del Toro is bitten by the monster and becomes prone to full moon rampages.

Admittedly whenever the Wolfman appears there's fun to be had, but tragically most of the movie is wasted unraveling a rather obvious murder plot.

The make-up effects by Oscar-winner Rick Baker are impressive as are all of the expensive period costumes and sets. However, style doesn't make a movie.

Convoluted storytelling kills the project, which is too bad because the talented cast could have elevated the material if they'd been given a chance. Del Toro should have been an ideal lead, but the script requires him to appear stoic in every scene with no growth, making him a little more than a whiney Wolfman.

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New Lampoon's Vacation flick
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V-Day a little crowded

Valentine's Day offers a few compelling stories, some not

Valentine's Day
Director: Garry Marshall
Stars: Julia Roberts, Jamie Foxx, Anne Hathaway, Jessica Biel
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

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Metro World News

For his new romantic omnibus Valentine's Day, director Garry Marshall brings together an overwhelmingly impressive cast, including Julia Roberts, Ashton Kutcher, Anne Hathaway, Jamie Foxx, Jennifer Garner, Patrick Dempsey, Jessica Biel, Bradley Cooper, Jessica Alba, Topher Grace, Shirley MacLaine, Taylor Swift and Taylor Lautner.

It's an embarrassment of A-list riches. But so many big stars playing so many characters with so many Valentine's Day-related issues to work out makes the movie feel more than a little crowded. And while there's certainly something for everyone in the interconnecting story lines, Valentine's Day suffers from a supreme lack of focus.

At the core of the film are a few very compelling stories played out by very charming actors, but there's too much else going on for the film to stop and give them the time they need. The hopeless romantic florist (Kutcher) oblivious to his fiancée's (Alba) cold feet, his best friend (Garner) discovering the hard way that her perfect boyfriend (Dempsey) isn't so perfect — these work. But Swift and Lautner hog up far too much screen time as dim high schoolers with nothing to contribute in a plot line that seems cynically designed to pull in their respective fans.

And a note to the filmmakers: When you have a character who can't get a date and uses chocolate as a coping mechanism, don't cast Jessica Biel. No one will believe it.

Jessica Biel, left, and Jaime Foxx, centre front, star in Garry Marshall's impressively casted romantic comedy Valentine's Day.

Jennifer Garner's character, Julia, in Valentine's Day discovers the hard way that her boyfriend isn't so perfect.

Percy Jackson: A pricey, miscast mess

Movie review

Percy Jackson And The Olympians: The Lightning Thief
Director: Chris Columbus
Stars: Alexandra Daddario, Steve Coogan, Logan Lerman
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●

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for Metro Canada

Uma Thurman overacts in her role as Medusa in Percy Jackson And The Olympians.

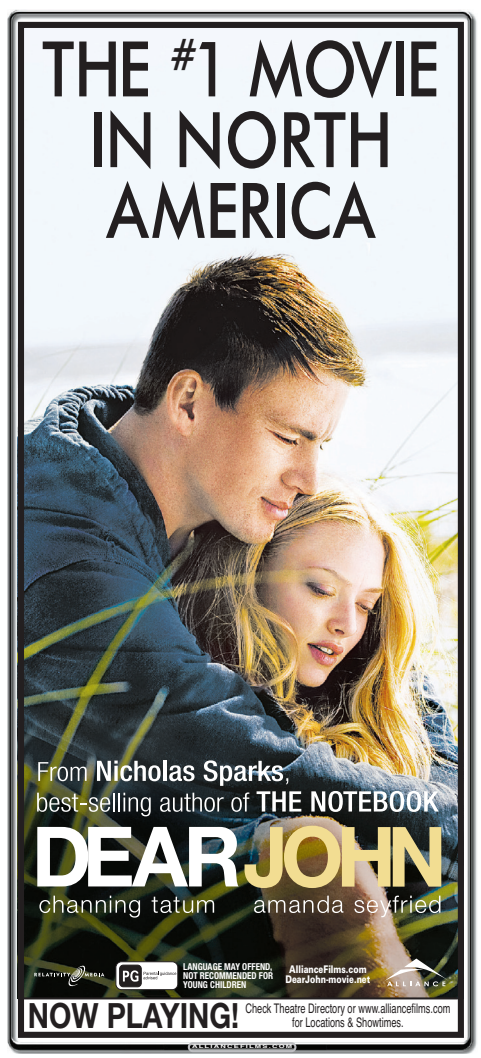
REVIEW Hollywood has been paying a lot of attention to young adult fantasy novels following the success of the Harry Potter and Twilight franchises.

Percy Jackson And The Olympians: The Lightning Thief is the latest attempt at a young adult cash cow and one that probably won't continue beyond a single movie. If the unwieldy title doesn't scare away viewers, then the poorly paced screenplay and celebrity miscasting should do the trick. A great deal of money was clearly spent trying to launch this franchise, but sadly it all went to waste.

The film is about a young boy who discovers he is the son of the Greek God Poseidon, leading the teen into a secret society in the woods that inexplicably seems to be under constant training for battle. The combination of teen fantasy and Greek mythology may have seemed exciting on the page, but feels undeniably silly onscreen.

It certainly doesn't help that in an attempt to lock up big names for sequels a few well-known actors have been painfully miscast. Uma Thurman manages to outdo her overacting in Batman And Robin as Medusa and Pierce Brosnan dons some facial hair as an unlikely centaur. But worst of all is Steve Coogan who inexplicably plays the villain Hades, which is sure to get some unintentional laughs from fans of the British comedian.

Populist director Chris Columbus helmed this adaptation and while he can please mass audiences with a good script (like Home Alone or the first Harry Potter), the man is out of his depth with lousy writing. The screenplay feels like little more than a highlight reel of action scenes from the novel with little attention paid to characterization. At best, this is an impressive special effects reel. At worst, it's an overly expensive direct-to-DVD fantasy film.



New Line eyes Lampoon reboot

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Columbus full of surprises

Comedy (the Home Alone franchise as an example) is just one genre director Chris Columbus has set his hand to. His resume boasts a wealth of feature film experience.

At first glance director Chris Columbus's new film seems like a call back to his earlier work. This weekend's Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief is based on a popular book series about a teenager with special powers who must battle supernatural forces.

Can you say Harry Potter? Sure, just don't say it near the filmmaker, who directed the first two films in the J.K. Rowling series and produced the third.

"It's nothing like Harry Potter," he told the New Zealand Herald. "I wouldn't have gotten involved in a picture that was too similar to Potter. I hadn't seen a film like this before and that was the reason I wanted to do it."

In fact, other than with sequels, he rarely repeats himself.

His resume as a writer (Gremlins), producer (Jingle All the Way) and director (Rent) reveals a variety of styles and topics. He's no stranger to comedy, having helmed the Home Alone movies; no stranger to romance, as he proved with Only the Lonely, no stranger to teen fare or musicals and in between those he's covered most other genres.

Nestled among his blockbusters are a number of deserving lesser known titles.

In the comedy Heartbreak Hotel he added a chapter to the mythology of Elvis Presley.

Starring Tuesday Weld — The King's Wild in the Country co-star — and David Keith as Elvis, the movie centers on Johnny Wolfe's (Charlie Schlatter) scheme to kidnap the singer and bring him home to cheer up his ailing mom (Weld).

It's very silly but Elvis fans will enjoy the sly tributes sprinkled throughout — Weld's motel is called The Flaming Star — and a soundtrack ripe with new versions of Elvis chestnuts like That's All Right and Hound Dog performed by Keith David and polka kings The Bavarian Village Band.

As a writer Columbus prepped himself for eventually helming the Potter movies by penning Young Sherlock Holmes and the Pyramid of Fear.

Directed by Barry Levinson, the story of young Holmes and Watson meeting and solving a boarding school mystery is primarily notable as the first movie to feature a completely computer-generated character in the form of a knight created from a stained glass window.

Columbus is a restless storyteller who can't be pinned down.

He's someone who blazes his own path and tales chances.

I mean who else would cast Uma Thurman as a snake-haired Medusa?

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It's Complicated (14A) Fri 4 Sun 1:45
The Road (14A) Sun 9:10 Mon-Tue 9:30 Thu 4:30
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Avatar: An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) Fri 11:45-3:20-7:10:30 Sat 10-1:20-4:50-8:10-11:45 Sun 10-1:20-4:45-8:10-11:45 Mon-Thu 11:45-3:20-7:10:30
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-4-7:10-10:15 Mon-Thu 12:30-4-7:10-10:10
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Daybreakers (18A) Fri 1:30-4:30-7:30-10 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:30-10 Mon-Tue 1:30-4:30-7:20-10 Wed 4:30-7:20-10 Thu 1:30-4:30-7:20-10
Dear John (PG) Fri 11:50-3-6:10-9:10 Sat-Sun 10:10-1-3:30-6:10-9:10 Mon 11:50-3-6:10-9:10 Tue 11:55-3-6:10-9:10 Wed-Thu 11:50-3-6:10-9:10
Frozen (STC) Fri 1:20-4:10-7:50-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:20-4:10-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:40-10:20
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I Killed My Mother (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:20-7:30-10
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:05 Wed-Thu 1:30-4:20-10:05
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The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG) Fri 1:45-6:45 Sat-Mon 11:1:45-6:45 Tue 1:45-6:45 Wed-Thu 1:45
Invictus (PG) Fri-Thu 7:15-10:25
It's Complicated (14A) Fri 1:25-4:05-7:10-9:55 Sat-Mon 10:40-1:25-4:05-7:10-9:55 Tue-Thu 1:25-4:05-7:10-9:55
The Last Station (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:05-9:45
Leap Year (PG) Fri-Tue 4:25-9:50 Wed-Thu 4:25-10:10
The Lovely Bones (PG) Fri-Mon 12:45-3:45-6:50-9:45 Tue-Thu 3:45-6:50-9:45
My Name Is Khan (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:50-2:50-5:15-6:15-8:40-9:40 Special Engagement Sat-Mon 11:25-1:50-2:50-5:15-6:15-8:40-9:40 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 1:50-2:50-5:15-6:15-8:40-9:40
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Special Engagement Fri 12:30-2:30-3:30-5:20-6:30-8:20-9:30-11 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:30-12:30-2:30-3:30-5:20-6:30-8:20-9:30-11 Special Engagement Mon 11:30-12:30-2:30-3:30-5:20-6:30-8:20-9:30 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 2:30-3:30-5:20-6:30-8:20-9:30 Special Engagement Fri 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:20 Special Engagement Sat-Mon 10:40-1:30-4:20-7:20-10:20 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:20
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri 2:35-5:30-8-10:30 Sat-Mon 12:10-2:35-5:30-8-10:30 Tue-Thu 2:35-5:30-8-10:30
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri-Mon 1:05-4-7-10 Tue-Thu 4-7-10
A Single Man (PG) Fri 1:55-4:35-7:35-10:05 Sat-Mon 11:25-1:55-4:35-7:35-10:05 Tue-Thu 1:55-4:35-7:35-10:05
When in Rome (PG) Fri 12:50-3:05-5:35-7:50-10:15 Sat-Mon 10:40-12:50-3:05-5:35-7:50-10:15 Tue-Thu 3:05-5:35-7:50-10:15
Youth in Revolt (14A) Fri 1:10-3:35-5:55-8:25-10:45 Sat-Mon 11:1:10-3:35-5:55-8:25-10:45 Tue 3:35-5:55-8:25-10:45 Wed-Thu 3:35-5:55-10:45

WEST END

ALBION CINEMAS
1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri 3-4-6-7:30-9:30-11 Sat-Sun 12-1-3-4-6:15-7:30-9:30-11 Mon 12-1-3-4-6:15-7:30-9:30 Tue-Thu 3-4:15-6:15-8:15-9:30

QUEENSWAY
1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Thu 12:40
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Tue 11:45-12:30-3:15-4:15-7:10-8:10-40 Wed-Thu 12:30-2-4:15-8-10:05
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri 3:25-10:30 Sat-Thu 3:25-6:40-9:45
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Wed-Thu 7
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:35-7:35-10:30
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:15-10:10
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:45-10:45
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-7:10-9:50
It's Complicated (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:25-9:35
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:45-3:55-7:05-10:15 No Passes Wed 3:55-7:05-10:15 No Passes Thu 12:45-3:55-7:05-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri 12:35-3:40-7 Sat-Thu 12:35-3:40-7-10:20
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:35-6:35-9:30
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:10-6:20-9:20
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:40 No Passes Wed 4:20-7:30-10:40 No Passes Thu 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:40 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:45-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:25-10
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-1:55-4:4:55-6:50-7:50-9:40-10:35

John Travolta stars in From Paris With Love.

WOODBINE CENTRE
500 Rexdale Blvd., 416-213-1998

Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-6:55-9:45
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:45-5-7:15-9:40
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:50-6:40-9:25
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-2:50-5-7:05-9:15
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-7-9:20
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:55-6:50-9:30
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Thu 12:35-2:50-4:55-7:20-9:35

EAST END

BEACH CINEMAS
1651 Queen St. E., 416-699-5971

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 6:30-10:10 Sat-Mon 2-6:30-10:10 Tue-Thu 6:30-10:10
Dear John (PG) Fri 3:50-6:40-9:20 Sat-Mon 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:20 Tue-Thu 6:40-9:20
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri 4:20-7:15-10:20 No Passes Sat-Mon 1:30-4:20-7:15-10:20 No Passes Tue-Thu 7:15-10:20
Up in the Air (14A) Fri 4:10-6:50-9:30 Sat-Mon 1:15-4:10-6:50-9:30 Tue-Thu 6:50-9:30
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri 4-7:10 No Passes Sat-Mon 1-4-7:10 No Passes Tue-Thu 7:10
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri 4:50-7:30-10:30 No Passes Sat-Mon 1:45-4:50-7:30-10:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 7:30-10:30

FOX THEATRE
2236 Queen St. E., 416-691-7330

The Blind Side (PG) Wed 9:15 Thu 7
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Fri-Mon 2-7
It's Complicated (14A) Tue 9:15 Wed 7 Thu 9:15
Nine (PG) Fri-Mon 4-8:45 Tue 7 Wed 1:30

NORTH YORK

SHEPPARD GRANDE
4861 Yonge St., 416-590-9974

The Blind Side (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:40 Sat-Mon 12:20-3:30-6:30-9:40 Tue-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:40
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:30 Sat-Mon 12:30-3:50-6:50-9:30 Tue-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:30
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 4-7-9:50 Sat-Mon 1:10-4-7-9:50 Tue-Thu 4-7-9:50
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:30-10:20 Mon 1:20-4:30-7:30-10 Tue-Thu 4:30-7:30-10
The Last Station (14A) Fri 3:40-6:20-9:10 Sat-Mon 12:50-3:40-6:20-9:10 Tue-Thu 3:40-6:20-9:10
My Name Is Khan (PG) No Passes Fri 5-8:45 No Passes Sat-Mon 1-5-8:45 No Passes Tue-Thu 5-8:45
Up in the Air (14A) Fri 4:20-7:10-10 Sat-Mon 1:30-4:20-7:10-10 Tue-Thu 4:20-7:10-10
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri 3:20-4:10-6:40-7:20-9:20-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:40-1:40-3:20-4:10-6:40-7:20-9:20-10 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:30-4:10-6:40-7:20-9:20-10

EMPRESS WALK
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550

Avatar 3D (STC) Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 1:20-3:30-4:50-7-8:30-10:30 Stadium Seating Tue 3:30-4:50-7-8:30-10:30 Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 3:30-4:50-8:30-10:30
The Book of Eli (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9:30
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Stadium Seating, No Passes Wed-Thu 7:30
Dear John (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 1:40-2-4:10-4:40-6:40-7:30-10:20 Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 4:10-4:40-6:40-7:30-10:20
An Education (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9:20

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It's Complicated (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50 Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:50
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Mon 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:10 Stadium Seating, No Passes Tue-Thu 4:20-7:20-10:10
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 1-3:50-6:45 Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 3:50-6:45
Valentine's Day (PG) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-2:10-4:5:10-6:50-8:20-9:40-11 Stadium Seating, No Passes Mon 1:10-2:10-4-5:10-6:50-8:20-9:40 Stadium Seating, No Passes Tue-Thu 4-5:10-6:50-8:20-9:40
When in Rome (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 2:20-5-7:40-10 Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 5-7:40-10

SILVERCITY YORKDALE 6
3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Mon 11:30-2-3-6:15-6:45-10-10:30 Tue 12:30-2-4:15-6:15-8-10 Wed 12:30-2-4:15-8-10 Thu 12:30-2:05-4:15-8-10
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Wed-Thu 7
Dear John (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:15
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Mon 12:50-3:40-6:50 Tue-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:50
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-5-7:40-10:10
Legion (14A) Fri-Thu 9:55
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 12-3:20-6:40-9:45 No Passes Tue-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:45-9:45
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Mon 12:15-3:10-6:30-9:15 Tue 12:45-3:30-6:30-9:15 Wed 12:45-3:35-6:30-9:15 Thu 12:45-3:30-6:30-9:15
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3:50-7:10:20 No Passes Mon-Tue 12:40-3:50-7-10:10 No Passes Wed 12:40-3:55-7:10:10 No Passes Thu 12:40-3:50-7-10:10
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10-9:40
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 No Passes Mon-Tue 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15 No Passes Wed 1:30-4:35-7:30-10:15 No Passes Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15

SILVERCITY FAIRVIEW
1800 Sheppard Ace. E., 416-644-7746

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Mon 11:30-3:15-7-10:45 Tue-Thu 2-6:30-10:15
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Wed-Thu 7
Dear John (PG) Fri-Mon 11:50-3-6:40-10:10 Tue 12:10-3-6:40-10:10 Wed-Thu 12:10-3-6:40-9:45
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Mon 12:30-3:45-6:30-9:30 Tue 12:30-3:45-6:35-9:30 Wed-Thu 12:30-3:45-9:30
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Mon 1:15-5-7:40-10:40 Tue 1:15-5-7:40-10:25 Wed-Thu 1:15-5-7:40-10:05
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-4-6:50-10
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Mon 11:40-2:15-4:45-7:20-9:50 Tue-Thu 1:30-4:45-7:20-9:50
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:15-3:30-7:10-10:20 No Passes Tue 12:20-3:30-7-10:20 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:20-3:30-7:10-10:10
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Mon 1-4:30-7:15-9:40 Tue 1-4:30-7:10-9:40 Wed-Thu 1-4:30-7:15-9:40
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:45-4:15-7:30-10:30 No Passes Tue 12:40-4:15-7:30-10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:40-4:15-7:30-10:15

SCARBOROUGH

COLISEUM SCARBOROUGH
300 Borough Dr., 416-290-5217

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri 12:30-3:25 Sat-Thu 12:30-3:25-6:10
Asal (14A) Fri-Thu 2:15-6:15-9:40
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:55
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 1:25-4:10-7:25-10:25 Sat-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25
Legion (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50
The Lovely Bones (PG) Sat-Thu 9:05
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:35-9:35
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10

EGLINTON TOWN CENTRE
1901 Eglinton Ave. E., 416-752-4494

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Mon 12:55
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Mon 11:30-12:30-3:10-4:10-6:50-7:50-10:30 Tue 4:10-5:10-7:50-9:20 Wed-Thu 3:20-4:10-7:50-9:50
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri-Thu 3:55-10:10
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Wed-Thu 7
Dear John (PG) Fri-Mon 1:20-4:15-7:15-10:05 Tue-Thu 4:15-7:15-10:05
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Mon 1:25-4:20-7:25-10:15 Tue-Thu 4:20-7:25-10:15
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Mon 2:4-5:0-7:40-10:25 Tue-Thu 4:50-7:40-10:25
It's Complicated (14A) Fri-Mon 12:15-3:35-6:35-9:55 Tue-Thu 3:35-6:35-9:55
Legion (14A) Fri-Thu 3:45-6:50-9:45
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 1-4:7-10 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:7-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri-Mon 12:45-7:05 Tue-Thu 7:05
Theeradha Vilaiyattu Pillai (STC) Fri-Mon 1:10-5-9 Tue-Thu 5-9
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Mon 1:45-4:25-7:10-9:50 Tue-Thu 4:25-7:10-9:50
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 11:45-1:40-3:40-4:40-6:40-7:30-9:40-10:40 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:40-4:40-6:40-7:30-9:40-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Mon 1:15-3:50-6:45-9:10 Tue-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:10
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Mon 12-1:50-3:30-4:30-6:30-7:20-9:30-10:20 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:30-4:30-6:30-7:20-9:30-10:20

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785 Milner Ave., 416-281-2226

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Mon 2:30-6:15-10 Tue-Thu 6-9:40
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri-Mon 1:30-4:30-7:50-10:30 Tue-Thu 4:30-7:20-9:50
Dear John (PG) Fri-Mon 1-3:30-6:30-9:10 Tue-Thu 4-6:30-9:10
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Mon 1:20-4-7:30-10:10 Tue-Thu 4:40-7:30-10:10
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Mon 1:10-4:15-7:10-9:45 Tue-Thu 4:20-7:10-9:45
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:40-3:50-6:50-9:40 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:30
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Mon 12:30-3:15-6-9 Tue-Thu 3:40-6:10-9
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:50-2-3:40-4:50-6:40-7:40-9:30-10:25 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:30-4:50-6:40-7:40-9:20-10:15
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Mon 12:15-3-7-9:20 Tue-Thu 4:10-7-9:15
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Mon 1:45-4:40-7:20-10:20 No Passes Tue-Thu 5-7:25-10

KENNEDY COMMONS 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 2:45-4:45-6:15-8:15-9:45 Sat-Mon 11-1:15-2:45-4:45-6:15-8:15-9:45 Tue 2:45-4:45-6:15-8:15-9:45 Wed-Thu 2:40-4-6:10-9:35
The Blind Side (PG) Fri 4:25-7:20-10:10 Sat-Mon 1:35-4:25-7:20-10:10 Tue-Thu 4:25-7:20-10:10
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Special Engagement Wed-Thu 7:30
Crazy Heart (14A) Special Engagement Fri 2:15-4:50-7:40-10:15 Special Engagement Sat-Mon 11:35-2:15-4:50-7:40-10:15 Tue-Thu 2:15-4:50-7:40-10:15
An Education (PG) Fri 2:10-4:40-7:25-9:55 Sat-Mon 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:25-9:55 Tue-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:25-9:55
From Paris With Love (14A) Special Engagement Fri 3:15-5:35-7:55-10:15 Special Engagement Sat-Mon 12:55-3:15-5:35-7:55-10:15 Tue-Thu 3:15-5:35-7:55-10:15
Frozen (STC) Special Engagement Fri 3:20-5:35-7:50-10:05 Special Engagement Sat-Mon 1-3:20-5:35-7:50-10:05 Tue-Thu 3:20-5:35-7:50-10:05
Invictus (PG) Fri 6:50 Sat-Mon 1:10-6:50 Tue-Thu 6:50
It's Complicated (14A) Fri 4:25-7:10-9:55 Sat-Mon 11:1:40-4:25-7:10-9:55 Tue-Thu 4:25-7:10-9:55
The Last Station (14A) Special Engagement Fri 2-4:35-7:10-9:45 Special Engagement Sat-Mon 11:25-2-4:35-7:10-9:45 Tue-Thu 2-4:35-7:10-9:45
Leap Year (PG) Fri 3:05-5:30-7:50-10:15 Sat-Mon 12:40-3:05-5:30-7:50-10:15 Tue-Thu 3:05-5:30-7:50-10:15
My Name Is Khan (PG) Special Engagement Fri 2:45-6:10-9:40 Special Engagement Sat-Mon 11:20-2:45-6:10-9:40 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 2:45-6:10-9:40
Nine (PG) Fri-Thu 4:05-9:40
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri 2:30-5:7:30-10 Sat-Mon 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Tue-Thu 2:30-5-7:30-10
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri 3:10-5:30-7:45-10 Sat-Mon 11-1-3:10-5:30-7:45-10 Tue-Thu 3:10-5:30-7:45-10
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 2:35-4:55-7:25-9:50 Sat-Mon 12:10-2:35-4:55-7:25-9:50 Tue-Thu 2:35-4:55-7:25-9:50
Up in the Air (14A) Fri 2:35-5:7:35-10:05 Sat-Mon 12-2:35-5-7:35-10:05 Tue-Thu 2:35-5-7:35-10:05
Valentine's Day (PG) Special Engagement Fri 2:15-3:15-4:15-5:15-6:15-7:15-8:15-9:15-10:10 Special Engagement Sat-Mon 11:15-12:15-1:15-2:15-3:15-4:15-5:15-6:15-7:15-8:15-9:15-10:10 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 2:15-3:15-4:15-5:15-6:15-7:15-8:15-9:15-10:10
The Young Victoria (PG) Fri 2:25-4:50-7:15-9:50 Sat-Mon 11:55-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:50 Tue-Thu 2:25-4:50-7:15-9:50

WOODSIDE CINEMAS
1571 Sandhurst Circle, 416-299-3456

My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri 3-4-6-7:30-9:30-11 Sat-Sun 12-1-3-4-6:15-7:30-9:30-11 Mon 12-1-3-4-6:15-7:30-9:30 Tue-Thu 3-4:15-6:15-8:15-9:30

PEEL REGION

CINÉ STARZ
377 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E., 905-290-2401

The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Mon 2:25-7:35-9:45 Tue-Thu 1-3:15-5:30-7:45

Dear John openeed last week.

Extraordinary Measures (PG) Fri-Mon 7:30 Tue-Thu 1:10-5:25
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Fri-Mon 12-1:30-3-4:30
The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG) Fri-Mon 3:35 Tue-Thu 3:45
Invictus (PG) Fri-Mon 4:45 Tue-Thu 3:10-7
Nine (PG) Fri-Mon 1:30-9:30 Tue-Thu 1:30-7:30
Old Dogs (G) Fri-Mon 12-5:45 Tue-Thu 1:30-6
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Mon 12-1:35-3:10-6 Tue-Thu 5:25
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri-Mon 12-4:35-7-9:30 Tue-Thu 3-7:15

COLISEUM 10
309 Rathburn Rd., 905-275-3456

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Mon 11:30-12:30-3-4-6:30-7:30-10-11 Tue-Thu 1:20-2:15-5:15-6:30-9:10-10
Avatar: An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) Fri 12-3:30-7:10:30 Sat-Sun 10-1:20-4:45-8:10-11:30 Mon-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri 1:30-4:30-7:45-10:45 Sat-Sun 10:40-1:30-4:30-7:45-10:45 Mon 1:30-4:30-7:45-10:15 Tue-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Dear John (PG) Fri 1:10-4:20-7:15-10:20 Sat-Sun 10:30-1:10-4:20-7:15-10:20 Mon 1:10-4:20-7:15-10:20 Tue-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:15-10:10
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:10-3:20-6:40-9:40 No Passes Wed 3:50-6:40-9:40 No Passes Thu 12:10-3:20-6:40-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri-Mon 12:20-3:40-7:10-10:10 Tue-Thu 12:20-3:40-7:10-10:05
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri 11:40-1-2:45-4:10-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 10:10-11:40-1-2:45-4:10-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:40 No Passes Mon 11:40-1-2:45-4:10-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:40 No Passes Tue 12:15-1-3:15-4:10-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:20 No Passes Wed 12:15-3:15-4:10-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:20 No Passes Thu 12:15-3:15-4:10-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
When in Rome (PG) Fri 12:45-3:10-6:45-9:20 Sat-Sun 10:20-12:45-3:10-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:10-6:45-9:20
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Mon 11:50-2:30-6:20-9:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 12:30-3:45-6:20-9:30 No Passes Fri 1:45-4:40-8:10:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:1:45-4:40-8:10:50 No Passes Mon 1:45-4:40-8:10:50 No Passes Tue-Thu 1:45-4:40-7:40-10:25

COURTNEY PARK 16
110 Courtney Park Dr., 905-362-1210

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 3:25-7:05-10:40 Sat-Mon 11:45-3:25-7:05-10:40 Tue-Thu 3:25-7:05-10:40
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri 1:30-4:20-7:25-10:25 Sat-Mon 10:35-1:30-4:20-7:25-10:25 Tue-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:25-10:25
Dear John (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:35-2:30-4:25-5:15-7:15-8:10:05-10:50 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:55-11:40-1:35-2:30-4:25-5:15-7:15-8:10:05-10:50 Tue-Thu 1:35-2:30-4:25-5:15-7:15-8:10:05-10:50
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 1:40-4:30-7:35-10:30 Sat-Mon 10:45-1:40-4:30-7:35-10:30 Tue-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:35-10:30
From Paris With Love (14A) Special Engagement Fri 2:40-5:25-7:55-10:35 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:55-2:40-5:25-7:55-10:35 Mon 11:55-2:40-5:25-7:55-10:35 Tue-Thu 2:40-5:25-7:55-10:35
Frozen (STC) Fri-Thu 10:20
It's Complicated (14A) Wed-Thu 2:05-7:35
Legion (14A) Fri 2:25-5:7:35-10:30 Sat-Mon 11:50-2:25-5:7:35-10:30 Tue 2:25-5:7:35-10:30 Wed-Thu 5-10:30
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:15-1:50-4:05-4:50-7:7:45-10-10:45 Special Engagement Sat-Mon 10:30-11-1:15-1:50-4:05-4:50-7-7:45-10-10:45 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 1:15-1:50-4:05-4:50-7-7:45-10-10:45
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 2:15-4:55-7:30 Sat-Mon 11:30-2:15-4:55-7:30 Tue-Thu 2:15-4:55-7:30
Up in the Air (14A) Fri 1:55-4:35-7:40-10:20 Sat-Mon 11:05-1:55-4:35-7:40-10:20 Tue-Thu 1:55-4:35-7:40-10:20
Valentine's Day (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1-1:45-4:10-4:45-7:10-7:50-10:15-10:55 Special Engagement Sat-Mon 10:40-1-1:45-4:10-4:45-7:10-7:50-10:15-10:55 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 1-1:45-4:10-4:45-7:10-7:50-10:15-10:55
When in Rome (PG) Fri 2:55-5:20-7:55-10:35 Sat-Mon 12:35-2:55-5:20-7:55-10:35 Tue-Thu 2:55-5:20-7:55-10:35
The Wolfman (18A) Special Engagement Fri 2-2:50-4:40-5:30-7:20-8:10-10:10-11 Special Engagement Sat 11:35-12:15-2-2:50-4:40-5:30-7:20-8:10-10:10-11 Special Engagement Sun 11:35-2-3-4:40-5:30-7:20-8:10-10:10-11 Special Engagement Mon 11:35-12:15-2-2:50-4:40-5:30-7:20-8:10-10:10-11 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 2-2:50-4:40-5:30-7:20-8:10-10:10-11

ORION GATE GRANDE
20 Biscayne Cr., 905-455-1590

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 3:15-6:50-10:30 Sat-Mon 11:35-3:10-6:50-10:30 Tue-Thu 3:20-7:30
Dear John (PG) Fri 3:40-6:45-9:40 Sat-Mon 12:45-3:40-6:45-9:40 Tue-Thu 3:40-6:45-9:40
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 3:20-6:15-9:10 Sat-Mon 12:10-3:20-6:15-9:10 Tue-Thu 3:30-6:15-9:05
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 3:50-6:25-9:20 Sat-Mon 1:10-3:50-6:25-9:20 Tue-Thu 3:50-6:25-9:15
Legion (14A) Fri 4:40-7:15-10 Sat-Mon 1:50-4:40-7:15-10 Tue-Thu 4:30-7:15-9:55
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-6:35-9:30 No Passes Sat-Mon 12:30-3:30-6:35-9:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:45-6:30-9:25 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 4:50-7:25-9:50 Sat-Mon 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:25-9:50 Tue-Thu 4:10-6:35-9
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri 4:7:05-10:10 No Passes Sat-Mon 1-4-7:05-10:10 No Passes Tue-Thu 4-7:05-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
When in Rome (PG) Fri 4:20-7:20-9:45 Sat-Mon 1:25-4:20-7:20-9:45 Tue-Thu 4:20-7:20-9:45
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri 4:30-7:35-10:20 No Passes Sat-Mon 1:40-4:30-7:35-10:20 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:15-6:55-9:35

SILVERCITY BRAMPTON
50 Great Lakes, 905-789-6797

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Sat-Mon 11:40-2
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 3:10-6:10-7:10-10:55 Sat-Sun 11:30-1:50-3:10-6:10-7:10-10:55 Mon 11:30-1:50-3:10-6:10-7:10 Tue-Thu 3:10-6:10-7:25-10
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri-Sun 10:35 Mon 10:30 Tue-Thu 9:35
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Dear John (PG) Fri 3:40-6:45-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-6:45-9:40 Mon 12:50-3:40-6:45-9:30 Tue-Thu 3:45-6:35-9:20
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 3:25-7:35 Sat-Mon 12:10-3:25-7:35 Tue-Thu 3:25-6:30
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 4:20-7:45-10:40 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:45-10:40 Mon 1:30-4:20-7:45-10:25 Tue-Thu 4:15-7:10-9:55
Legion (14A) Fri-Sun 4:35-7:30-10:50 Mon 4:35-7:30-10:15 Tue-Thu 4:25-7:15-10:05
My Name Is Khan (PG) No Passes Fri 6:15-10:05 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-6:15-10:05 No Passes Mon 1:20-6:15-9:50 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:30-8:55
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri 3:45-7:05-10:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:45-7:05-10:15 No Passes Mon 12:30-3:45-7:05-10:05 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:40
Sukhmani - Hope for Life (PG) Fri 3-6:25-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:50-3-6:25-9:55 Mon 11:50-3-6:25-9:45 Tue-Thu 4:45-9
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 3:30-6:35-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:30-6:35-9:20 Mon 12:20-3:30-6:35-9:15 Tue-Thu 3:30-6:15-9:05
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri 3:15-6:30-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-3:15-6:30-9:45 No Passes Mon 12-3:15-6:30-9:35 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:15-6:20-9:25 No Passes Fri 4-7:20-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:40-4-7:20-10:30 No Passes Mon 12:40-4-7:20-10:20 No Passes Tue-Thu 4-7:10-10
When in Rome (PG) Fri 3:55-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:55-6:50-9:30 Mon 1:10-3:55-6:50-9:20 Tue-Thu 3:55-6:45-9:15
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri 4:10-4:50-7:15-7:50-10:20-11 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-1:40-4:10-4:50-7:15-7:50-10:20-11 No Passes Mon 1-1:40-4:10-4:50-7:15-7:50-10:10 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:10-4:40-6:55-7:30-9:45-10:15

SILVERCITY MISSISSAUGA
3055 Vega Blvd., 905-569-3373

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Mon 1:20-3:40-6:20 Tue 3:40-6:20 Wed-Thu 3:40
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Wed-Thu 7
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri-Mon 12:50-3:50-7:10-10 Tue-Thu 3:50-7:10-10
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Mon 1:10-4:20-7:20-10:10 Tue-Thu 4:20-7:20-10:10
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Mon 1:50-4:40-7:50-10:20 Tue-Thu 4:40-7:50-10:15
Invictus (PG) Fri-Tue 9:10 Wed-Thu 9:40
It's Complicated (14A) Fri-Mon 1-4-6:50-9:50 Tue-Thu 4-6:50-9:50
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri-Mon 2-4:50-7:40-10:05 Tue-Thu 4:50-7:40-10:05
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Mon 1:40-4:10-7-9:40 Tue-Thu 4:10-7-9:40
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Mon 12:40-3:20-6:40-9:20 Tue-Thu 3:20-6:40-9:20
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:30-1:30-3:30-4:30-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:30-4:30-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:20

SQUARE ONE
100 City Centre Dr., 905-275-2640

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:45-3:5-7:30
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Wed-Thu 7:30
Crazy Heart (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-4:7-10:10
Edge of Darkness (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:15-10
From Paris With Love (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:45-4:20-7:40-10:15
It's Complicated (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 7-9:50
Legion (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9:45
My Name Is Khan (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2-5:45-9:15

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The Princess and the Frog (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15
The Spy Next Door (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:10-3:30-6:30-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 1:10-3:30
Tooth Fairy (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-3:45-6:45-9:40
Up in the Air (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10

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5 DRIVE-IN
2331 Ninth Line, 905-257-8272

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15460 Bayview Ave., 905-841-1789

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 3:10-6:50-10:30 Sat-Sun 11:30-3:10-6:50-10:30 Mon 11:30-3:10-6:50 Tue-Thu 3:10-6:50
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Dear John (PG) Fri 3:30-6:45-9:40 Sat-Mon 12:20-3:30-6:45-9:40 Tue-Thu 3:30-6:45-9:20
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 4:7:20-10:15 Sat-Mon 1-4:7:20-10:15 Tue-Thu 4:7:20-10
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 4:10-7:10-10:10 Sat-Mon 1:20-4:10-7:10-10:10 Tue-Thu 4:10-7:10-9:40
It's Complicated (14A) Fri 3:20-6:30-9:30 Sat-Mon 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:30 Tue-Thu 3:20-6:30-9:15
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri 3:6:40-9:50 No Passes Sat-Mon 12:3-6:40-9:50 No Passes Tue-Wed 3:10-6:40-9:30 No Passes Thu 3:45-6:40-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 4:50-7:15-9:45 Sat-Mon 11:40-2:10-4:50-7:15-9:45 Tue-Thu 3:45-6:35-9
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri 3:40-7:10 No Passes Sat-Mon 12:30-3:40-7:10 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:40-7:9:45 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri 4:30-7:30-10:20 No Passes Sat-Mon 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:20 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:30-7:30-9:55

COLOSSUS 19
3555 Hwy 7 West, 905-851-1001

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 11:30-2-3:10-6:15-7:10-10:15-10:45 Sat-Sun 10:15-11:30-2-3:10-6:15-7:10-10:15-10:45 Mon 11:30-2-3:10-6:15-7:10-10:15-10:45 Tue 3:30-6:15-7:15-10:15-10:45 Wed-Thu 3:30-7:15-10:15-10:45
Avatar: An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) Fri 11:20-3-6:30-10 Sat-Sun 10-1:20-4:45-8:10-11:30 Mon 11:20-3-6:30-10 Tue-Thu 3-6:30-10
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Mon 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:50 Tue-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:50
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri-Mon 12-3:50-7:40-10:50 Tue-Thu 3:50-7:40-10:30
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Wed-Thu 7
Daybreakers (18A) Fri 1:10-4:15-10:25 Sat-Mon 1:10-4:15-7:35-10:25 Tue-Thu 4:15-10:25
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Mon 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:35 Tue-Thu 4:40-7:45-10:35
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri 12:40-1:20-3:40-4:20-6:40-7:20-9:40-10:20 No Passes Mon 12:40-1:20-3:40-4:20-6:40-7:20-9:40-10:20 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:40-4:20-6:40-7:20-9:40-10:20
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri-Mon 1:30-4:30-7:25-10:30 Tue-Thu 4:30-7:25-10:30
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri 11:50-2:15-4:45-7:15 Sat-Mon 11:50-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Tue-Thu 4:45-7:15-9:45
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 12:20-3:15-6:30-9:15 Sat-Sun 10-12:20-3:15-6:30-9:15 Mon 12:20-3:15-6:30-9:15 Tue-Thu 3:15-6:30-9:15
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Mon 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:50 Tue-Thu 4:50-7:50-10:25
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri 11:40-12:10-12:50-3-3:30-4:10-6:20-6:50-7:30-9:30-10:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 10-11:40-12:10-12:50-3-3:30-4:10-6:20-6:50-7:30-9:30-10:10:40 No Passes Mon 11:40-12:10-12:50-3-3:30-4:10-6:20-6:50-7:30-9:30-10:10:40 No Passes Tue-Thu 3-3:30-4:10-6:20-6:50-7:30-9:30-10:10:40
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Mon 12:30-3:20-6:45-9:10 Tue-Thu 3:20-6:45-9:10
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri 1-2-4-5-7:10-8-10-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 11-1-2-4-5-7:10-8-10-10:11 No Passes Mon 1-2-4-5-7:10-8-10:10-11 No Passes Tue-Thu 4-5-7:10-8-10:10-10:45

ELGIN MILLS 10
10909 Yonge St., 905-770-6998

Avatar (STC) Fri 7:50 Sat-Mon 12:15-3:50-7:50 Tue-Thu 8
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri 6:20 Sat-Mon 12:20-3:15-6:20 Tue-Thu 6
Dear John (PG) Fri 7:20-9:55 Sat-Mon 12:50-3:40-7:20-9:55 Tue-Thu 6:20-8:45
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 6:30-9:20 Sat-Mon 12:40-3:20-6:30-9:20 Tue-Thu 5:40-8:20
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 7:40-10:15 Sat-Mon 1:30-4:20-7:40-10:15 Tue-Thu 6:30-8:50
Legion (14A) Fri-Mon 9:10 Tue-Thu 8:40
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri 6:40-9:30 No Passes Sat-Mon 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 5:30-8:10
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 6:50-9:50 Sat-Mon 1:10-4:15-6:50-9:50 Tue-Thu 6:10-8:30
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri 7:10 No Passes Sat-Mon 1-4-7:10 No Passes Tue-Thu 5:50-8:40
When in Rome (PG) Fri 7:10-9:40 Sat-Mon 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:40 Tue-Thu 7-9:10
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri 7:30-10:10 No Passes Sat-Mon 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:10 No Passes Tue-Thu 6:40-9

FIRST MARKHAM PLACE
3275 Hwy 7 E., 905-474-5101

Avatar (STC) Fri 3:20-6:50-10:20 Sat-Mon 12-3:20-6:50-10:20 Tue-Thu 3:20-6:50-10:10
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Thu 9:20
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Dear John (PG) Fri 4:30-7:20-9:50 Sat-Mon 1:15-4:30-7:20-9:50 Tue-Thu 4:30-7-9:50
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 4:40-7:30-10:10 Sat-Mon 1:30-4:40-7:30-10:10 Tue-Thu 4:40-7:30-10:15
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 5-7:50-10:40 Sat-Mon 1:45-5-7:50-10:40 Tue-Thu 5-7:50-10:30
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri 3:45-6:40-9:40 No Passes Sat-Mon 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:40 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:45-6:40-9:30
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 3:30-6:30 Sat-Mon 12:15-3:30-6:30 Tue-Thu 3:30-6:30
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri 4-7:10 No Passes Sat-Mon 1-4-7:10 No Passes Tue-Thu 4-7:10-10
When in Rome (PG) Fri 4:15-7:10-9:30 Sat-Mon 12:30-4:15-7:10-9:30 Tue-Thu 4:15-7:20-9:40
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri 4:50-7:40-10:30 No Passes Sat-Mon 2-4:50-7:40-10:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:50-7:40-10:20

INTERCHANGE 30
30 Interchange Way, 905-760-1911

2012 (14A) Fri 3-6:15-9:25 Sat-Mon 11:30-3-6:15-9:25 Tue-Thu 6:15-9:25
3 Idiots (PG) Fri 5:30-9:10 Sat-Mon 12:50-5:30-9:10 Tue-Thu 5:30-9:10
Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri 2:10-3:30-4:30-5:45-7:8-9:15-10 Sat-Mon 11:11:45-1:15-2:10-3:30-4:30-5:45-7:8-9:15-10 Tue-Wed 3:30-4:30-5:45-7:8-9:15-10 Thu 3:30-4:30-5:45-7:8-10
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:50
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Sat-Mon 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Tue-Thu 4:45-7:15-9:45
Dear John (PG) Fri 1:30-2:3-30-4-4:45-6:15-6:45-7:30-9-9:30-10:15 Sat-Mon 11-11:30-12:45-1:30-2-3:30-4-4:45-6:15-6:45-7:30-9-9:30-10:15 Tue-Thu 3:30-4-4:45-6:15-6:45-7:30-9-9:30-10:15
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 1:25-4-6:45-9:30 Sat-Mon 10:50-1:25-4-6:45-9:30 Tue-Thu 5-7:35-10:10 Fri 2:25-5-7:35-10:10 Sat-Mon 11:40-2:25-5-7:35-10:10 Tue-Thu 4-6:45-9:30
An Education (PG) Fri 2:05-4:50-7:20-9:50 Sat-Mon 11:20-2:05-4:50-7:20-9:50 Tue-Thu 4:50-7:20-9:50
Extraordinary Measures (PG) Fri 1:35-3:55-6:30-9 Sat-Mon 11:05-1:35-3:55-6:30-9 Tue-Wed 3:55-6:30-9 Thu 3:55-6:30
Frozen (STC) Fri 3:10-5:20-7:40-9:55 Sat-Mon 10:55-1-3:10-5:20-7:40-9:55 Tue-Thu 5:20-7:40-9:55
The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG) Fri 1:40-4:20-7:05-9:40 Sat-Mon 11:05-1:40-4:20-7:05-9:40 Tue-Thu 4:20-7:05-9:40
Invictus (PG) Fri 4:05-7:9:55 Sat-Mon 1-4:05-7-9:55 Tue-Thu 4:05-7-9:55
It's Complicated (14A) Fri 1:55-3:15-4:50-6:20-7:35-9:15-10:15 Sat-Mon 11:15-12:30-1:55-3:15-4:50-6:20-7:35-9:15-10:15 Tue-Wed 4:50-6:20-7:35-9:15-10:15 Thu 4:50-6:20-7:35-10:15
Leap Year (PG) Fri 2:15-4:40-7:15-9:45 Sat-Mon 11:50-2:15-4:40-7:15-9:45 Tue-Thu 4:40-7:15-9:45
Legion (14A) Fri 1:30-2:30-3:50-5-6:30-7:30-8:55-10 Sat-Mon 11:10-12:05-1:30-2:30-3:50-5-6:30-7:30-8:55-10 Tue-Thu 3:50-5-6:30-7:30-8:55-10
The Lovely Bones (PG) Fri 4:10-7:05-10 Sat-Mon 1:20-4:10-7:05-10 Tue-Thu 4:10-7:05-10
My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri 2:30-6-9:30 Sat-Mon 11:2-30-6-9:30 Tue-Thu 6-9:30
Nine (PG) Fri 1:55-4:40-7:25-10:10 Sat-Mon 11:10-1:55-4:40-7:25-10:10 Tue-Thu 4:40-7:25-10:10
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 2:25-4:55 Sat-Mon 12:10-2:25-4:55 Tue-Thu 4:55
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri 1:25-3:55-6:25-9:05 Sat-Mon 10:50-1:25-3:55-6:25-9:05 Tue-Thu 3:55-6:25-9:05
The Princess and the Frog (G) Fri 1:45-4:15-6:40-9:10 Sat-Mon 11:15-1:45-4:15-6:40-9:10 Tue-Wed 4:15-6:40-9:10 Thu 4:15-6:40
Saint John of Las Vegas (STC) Fri 3:25-5:25-7:25-9:25 Sat-Mon 11:20-1:20-3:25-5:25-7:25-9:25 Tue-Thu 3:25-5:25-7:25-9:25
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:40 Sat-Mon 12:55-3:50-6:50-9:40 Tue-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:40
The Young Victoria (PG) Fri 2:50-5:10-7:40-10:05 Sat-Mon 12:10-2:50-5:10-7:40-10:05 Tue-Thu 5:10-7:40-10:05
Youth in Revolt (14A) Fri 3:10-5:25-7:45-10:05 Sat-Mon 10:55-1:05-3:10-5:25-7:45-10:05 Tue-Thu 5:25-7:45-10:05

PROMENADE MALL
1 Promenade Circle, 416-494-9371

Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7-9:25
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4-6:45-9:20
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:45-6:40-9
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:50-9:30 Mon 10:30
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3-5:10-7:10-9:15
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:20-5:20-7:20-9:35

SILVERCITY NEWMARKET
18151 Yonge St., 905-953-2792

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 2:50-6:10-6:45-10:10-10:25 Sat-Mon 11:30-2-2:50-6:10-6:45-10:10-10:25 Tue 4-6:10-8-10:10 Wed-Thu 4-8-10:10
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Wed-Thu 7
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Dear John (PG) Fri 3:30-7:10 Sat-Mon 12:30-3:30-7:10 Tue 3:30-7:10 Wed 3:50-7:10 Thu 3:30-7:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 4:40-7:40-10:40 Sat-Mon 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:40 Tue-Thu 4:40-7:40-10:40
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 4:20-6:50-9:30 Sat-Mon 1:10-4:20-6:50-9:30 Tue-Thu 4:20-6:50-9:30
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri 3:40-7:10-10:20 No Passes Sat-Mon 12:20-3:40-7:10-10:20 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:40-7:10-10:20
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 3:10-6:30-9:20 Sat-Mon 11:40-3:10-6:30-9:20 Tue-Thu 3:10-6:30-9:20
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri 3:20-6:40-9:50 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:20-6:40-9:50 No Passes Fri 4:10-7:20-10:30 No Passes Sat-Mon 1-4:10-7:20-10:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:10-7:20-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
When in Rome (PG) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:15 Sat-Mon 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15 Tue-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:15
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri 3-5-6:20-8:10-9:10-50 No Passes Sat-Mon 11:30-2-3-5-6:20-8:10-9:10-50 No Passes Tue-Thu 3-5-6:20-8:10-9-10:50

SILVERCITY RICHMOND HILL
8771 Yonge St., 905-709-3199

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 11:45-1:50-3:20-6-7:10-9:50-10:45 Mon 11:45-1:50-3:20-6-7-9:45-10:30 Tue-Wed 3:15-6-7-9:45-10:30 Thu 3:10-6-7-9:45-10:30
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri-Sun 9:10 Mon-Thu 9
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Dear John (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4:10-7:05-9:55 Mon 1-4:10-7:05-9:50 Tue-Thu 4:10-7:05-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-7:25-10:25 Mon 12:40-3:40-7:25-10:15 Tue-Thu 3:40-7:25-10:15
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:15 Mon 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:10 Tue-Thu 4:30-7:40-10:10
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-3:10-6:30-9:40 No Passes Mon 12-3:10-6:30-9:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:10-6:30-9:30
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Mon 12:30-3-6:10 Tue-Thu 3:20-6:10
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:15-6:20-9:30 Mon 12:10-3:15-6:20-9:20 Tue-Thu 3:05-6:20-9:20
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:20-12:50-3:30-4-6:50-7:20-10:10-10:40 No Passes Mon 12:20-12:50-3:30-4-6:50-7:20-10:10-10:25 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:30-4-6:50-7:15-10:10:25 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:45-9:20 Mon 1:10-3:50-6:45-9:10 Tue-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:10
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-1:40-4:20-4:40-7:7:30-9:40-10:20 No Passes Mon 1:20-1:40-4:20-4:40-7-7:30-9:40-10:20 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:20-4:40-7:7:30-9:40-10:20

HALTON

GALAXY CINEMAS MILTON
1175 Maple Ave., 905-864-1666

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 6:40-10:10 Sat-Mon 11:30-3-6:40-10:10 Tue-Thu 6:40-10:10
Dear John (PG) Fri 6:45-9:40 Sat-Mon 12:10-3:20-6:45-9:40 Tue-Thu 6:45-9:40
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Thu 9:50
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 7:20-9:55 Sat-Mon 12:40-4:7:20-9:55 Tue-Thu 7:20-9:55
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri 6:30-9:30 No Passes Sat-Mon 12-3:30-6:30-9:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 6:30-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 7:15 Sat-Mon 12:50-3:45-7:15 Tue-Thu 7:15
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri 7-10 No Passes Sat-Mon 11:45-3:15-7-10 No Passes Tue-Thu 7-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
When in Rome (PG) Fri 6:50-9:20 Sat-Mon 12:20-3:40-6:50-9:20 Tue-Thu 6:50-9:20
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri 7:10-9:45 No Passes Sat-Mon 12:30-3:50-7:10-9:45 No Passes Tue-Thu 7:10-9:45

SILVERCITY BURLINGTON 8
1250 Brant St., 416-646-0444

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Mon 11:30-3:10-6:50-10:20 Tue-Thu 3:10-6:50-10:20
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Dear John (PG) Fri-Mon 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Tue-Thu 4:05-7:05-10:05
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Mon 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:20 Tue-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:20
It's Complicated (14A) Fri-Mon 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Tue-Thu 4:10-7:10-10:10
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:45-3:50-7-9:50 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:50-7-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Mon 1-4-6:45 Tue-Thu 4-6:45
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Mon 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Tue-Thu 4:20-7:20-10:20
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:50 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:30-6:45-9:50 No Passes Fri-Mon 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:15-7:15-10:15 No Passes Wed 1
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Mon 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:15 Tue-Thu 4:25-7:25-10:15
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Mon 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:40-7:40-10:30

SILVERCITY OAKVILLE
3531 Wycroft Road, 905 827-7173

Avatar (STC) Fri-Mon 12-3:30-8 Tue-Thu 8
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Mon 11:30-3-6:40-10:20 Tue-Thu 3-6:40-10:20
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Wed-Thu 7
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Dear John (PG) Fri-Mon 12:10-3:10-6:50-9:40 Tue-Thu 3:10-6:50-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Mon 11:40-3:20-7:10-10:10 Tue 3:20-7:10-10:10 Wed-Thu 3:20-10:10
Percy Jackson et les Olypiens: Le Voleur de foudre (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 11:50-2:50-6:30-9:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 2:50-6:30-9:30
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Mon 1-4:10-6:45-9:20 Tue-Thu 4:10-6:45-9:20
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 12-4-7:30-10:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 4-7:30-10:30 No Passes Fri-Mon 12:30-4-7:10 No Passes Tue-Thu 7-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Mon 12:40-3:40-7:20-9:50 Tue-Thu 3:40-7:20-9:50
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:30-3:30-7:10 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:30-7:10 No Passes Fri-Mon 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 7:30-10:30

WINSTON CHURCHILL
2081 Winston Park Dr., Oakville, 905-829-2009

Avatar (STC) Fri 3-6:35-10:15 Sat-Mon 11:30-3-6:35-10:15 Tue-Thu 3-6:35-10:15
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 1-2-4:30-5:35-8:15-9:15 Sat-Mon 10:30-1-2-4:30-5:35-8:15-9:15 Tue-Thu 1-2-4:30-5:35-8:15-9:15
The Blind Side (PG) Fri 1:25-4:20-7:15-10:05 Sat-Mon 10:40-1:25-4:20-7:15-10:05 Tue-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:15-10:05
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri 1:40-4:35-7:25-10:15 Sat-Mon 10:50-1:40-4:35-7:25-10:15 Tue-Thu 1:40-4:35-7:25-10:15
Daybreakers (18A) Fri-Thu 8-10:25
Dear John (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:45-2:30-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:30-7:15-8-9:15-10:10-40 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11-11:45-1:45-2:30-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:30-7:15-8-9:15-10:10-40 Mon 11-11:45-1:45-2:30-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:30-7:15-8-9:15-10:10-40 Tue-Thu 1:45-2:30-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:30-7:15-8-9:15-10:10-40
An Education (PG) Fri 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Sat-Mon 11:40-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Tue-Thu 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10
The Last Station (14A) Fri 1:35-4:15-7-9:45 Sat-Mon 10:45-1:35-4:15-7-9:45 Tue-Thu 1:35-4:15-7-9:45
Leap Year (PG) Fri 2:10-4:45-7:20-9:50 Sat-Mon 11:15-2:10-4:45-7:20-9:50 Tue-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:20-9:50
Legion (14A) Fri 12:55-3:15-5:45-8:10-10:45 Sat-Mon 10:35-12:55-3:15-5:45-8:10-10:45 Tue-Thu 12:55-3:15-5:45-8:10-10:45
The Lovely Bones (PG) Fri-Thu 4-9:35
My Name Is Khan (PG) Sub-Titled Fri 2-5:30-9 Sub-Titled Sat-Mon 10:40-2-5:30-9 Sub-Titled Tue-Thu 2-5:30-9
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:20-1:55-4:10-4:55-7:10-7:55-10:10-10:45 Special Engagement Sat-Mon 11:10-1:20-1:55-4:10-4:55-7:10-7:55-10:10-10:45 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 1:20-1:55-4:10-4:55-7:10-7:55-10:10-10:45
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri 2:15-4:55-7:35-10:20 Sat-Mon 11:35-2:15-4:55-7:35-10:20 Tue-Thu 2:15-4:55-7:35-10:20
The Princess and the Frog (G) Fri 1:35-4:05 Sat-Mon 11:10-1:35-4:05 Tue-Thu 1:35-4:05
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri 1:30-4:25-7:30-10:30 Sat-Mon 10:35-1:30-4:25-7:30-10:30 Tue-Thu 1:30-4:25-7:30-10:30
When in Rome (PG) Fri 2:20-4:40-7-9:30 Sat-Mon 11:50-2:20-4:40-7-9:30 Tue-Thu 2:20-4:40-7-9:30
The Wolfman (18A) Special Engagement Fri 1:05-2:05-2:50-3:50-4:50-5:35-6:30-7:30-8:15-9:10-10:10-10:55 Special Engagement Sat-Mon 10:30-11:30-12:15-1:05-2:05-2:50-3:50-4:50-5:35-6:30-7:30-8:15-9:10-10:10-10:55 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 1:05-2:05-2:50-3:50-4:50-5:35-6:30-7:30-8:15-9:10-10:10-10:55
The Young Victoria (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-7:05

DURHAM

AJAX
248 Kingston Rd. E, 905-426-7772

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Mon 1:30-6:30-10 Tue-Thu 6:30-10
Dear John (PG) Fri-Mon 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Tue-Thu 6:45-9:45
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Mon 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Tue-Thu 7:10-10:10
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Mon 12:55-4:05-7:15-9:55 Tue-Thu 7:15-9:55
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:30-3:30-6:35-9:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 6:35-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Mon 12:35-3:40-6:40-9:35 Tue-Thu 6:40-9:35
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:50-1:20-3:50-4:20-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:20 No Passes Tue-Thu 6:50-7:20-9:50-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Mon 12:40-3:35-7-9:40 Tue-Thu 7-9:40
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Mon 1-4-7:30-10:15 No Passes Tue-Thu 7:30-10:15

PICKERING 8
1355 Kingston Rd., 416-646-0444

Dear John (PG) Fri-Mon 1-4:10-7:20-10:30 Tue-Thu 5:30-8:30
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Mon 12:40-3:50-7-9:50 Tue-Thu 5:10-7:50
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Mon 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:20 Tue-Thu 5:50-8:20
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 12-3:15-6:30-9:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 5:20-8:15
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Mon 12:20-3:30-6:20-9 Tue-Thu 5:40-8:10
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:30-3:45-6:50-10 No Passes Tue-Thu 5-8
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Mon 1:30-4-7:15-10:10 Tue-Thu 5:45-8:05
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Mon 1:20-4:30-7:30-10:15 No Passes Tue-Thu 6-8:40

WHITBY 24
75 Consumers Dr., 905-665-7210

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Mon 11:30-1:45-4 Tue-Thu 2-4
Avatar (STC) Fri-Sun 12:30-4-7:25-10:45 Mon 12:30-4-7:25 Tue-Thu 4-7:25
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Mon 11:30-3:15-7:10-30 Tue-Thu 3:15-7:10:30
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Mon 11-1:40-4:20-7:05-9:50 Tue-Thu 4:20-7:05-9:50
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:45
Dear John (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:25-12:15-2:05-2:10-2:45-4:45-5:30-7:7:30-8:20-10:10-10:50 Mon 11:25-12:15-2:05-2:10-2:45-4:45-5:30-7:7:30-8:20-10:10 Tue-Thu 2:05-2:10-2:45-4:45-5:30-7:7:30-8:20-10:10
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Mon 11:20-2:10-4:45-7:30-10:15 Tue-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:30-10:15
From Paris With Love (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 12:45-3:15-5:45-7:40-8:15-10:10-45 Mon 12:45-3:15-5:45-7:40-8:15-10 Tue-Thu 3:15-5:45-7:40-8:15-10
It's Complicated (14A) Fri-Mon 11:20-2-4:45-7:25-10:10 Tue-Thu 2-4:45-7:25-10:10
Leap Year (PG) Fri-Thu 2:15-7:20
Legion (14A) Fri-Mon 11:25-4:30-9:30 Tue-Thu 4:30-9:30
The Lovely Bones (PG) Fri-Mon 11:10-4:30-9:50 Tue-Thu 4:30-9:50
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:05-1:15-2-4:15-5-7:15-8-10:10-45 Special Engagement Mon 11:05-1:15-2-4:15-5-7:15-8-10 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 2-4:15-5-7:15-8-10
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri-Mon 11:05-2:10-4:50-7:45-10:30 Tue-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:45-10:30
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri-Mon 11:1-10-3:20-5:25 Tue-Thu 3:20-5:25
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Mon 11:30-2:05-4:30-7:10-9:40 Tue-Thu 2:05-4:30-7:10-9:40
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Mon 11:45-2:15-4:50-7:15-9:40 Tue-Thu 2:15-4:50-7:15-9:40
Valentine's Day (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:15-11:45-1:15-2-2:30-4:15-5:5:30-7:7:45-8:15-9:45-10:30-11 Special Engagement Mon 11:15-11:45-1:15-2-2:30-4:15-5:5:30-7:7:45-8:15-9:45-10:30 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 2-2:30-4:15-5:5:30-7:7:45-8:15-9:45-10:30
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Mon 12:15-2:30-4:45-7:15-9:30 Tue-Thu 2:30-4:45-7:15-9:30
The Wolfman (18A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:40-12:30-1-2:15-3-3:30-4:45-5:30-6-7:15-8-8:30-9:45-10:30-11 Special Engagement Mon 11:40-12:30-1-2:15-3-3:30-4:45-5:30-6-7:15-8-8:30-9:45-10:30 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 2:15-3-3:30-4:45-5:30-6-7:15-8-8:30-9:45-10:30

The Billboard 200

1. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum, left; 2. Rebirth, Little Wayne; 3. Who I Am, Nick Jonas & The Administration; 4. The Fame, Lady Gaga; 5.2010 Grammy Nominees, Various Artists. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Concert Picks

John Mayer plays the Air Canada Centre on Sunday night.

David Clayton-Thomas

• **Massey Hall (178 Victoria St.) Saturday & Sunday, 8 p.m.**

The singing-songwriting alumnus of Blood, Sweat & Tears takes to the stage to share the natural musical talent he discovered as a wayward youth in prison. Backgrounded by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra in the city's most venerated acoustic gem, Clayton-Thomas' gig should be a can't miss.

George Clinton And Parliament Funkadelic

• **Phoenix Concert Theatre (410 Sherbourne St.), Sunday, 8 p.m.**

The grandfather of funk has hit a rough patch of late. His son was discovered dead last Monday in his Tallahassee, Fla., home, a grim event that followed his mother's death in December. Still, the show goes on, and if you see Clinton's, you may just hear a track or two from 2008's George Clinton and His Gangsters Of Love, a cover album which guest stars Sly Stone, Red Hot Chili Peppers and RZA.

John Mayer

• **Air Canada Centre (40 Bay St.), Sunday, 7 p.m.**

Toronto, lock up your teen daughters! Everyone's favourite alleged cradle robbing singer-songwriter returns to serenade the city with his particularly gooey, maudlin brand of crooning. Should be a great night out for the lonely hearts on Valentine's Day ... and their moms.

Winterfolk Roots and Blues Festival

• **Various venues, Friday to Monday**

Looking to get back to basics with your choice of music venue? Look no further. The eighth-annual festival showcases some of the country's best country and folk acts you may never have heard of in the downtown core this weekend. Acts include East Coast Music Award nominee Kim Wempee, local songwriter Jon Brooks (whose 2006's album No Mean City is a must-listen for downtrodden downtowners) and latin, gypsy-jazz band Sultans of String. Visit abetterworld.ca for showtimes.

• Send your concert listings to music@metronews.ca.

Turning the Page

Ex-Barenaked Ladies member releases first solo album

GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM
for Metro Canada

A Singer Must Die is the title of Steven Page's first solo album.

A Singer Must Die. The title of Steven Page's new CD may make Barenaked Ladies' fans cringe.

Is Page talking about himself?

Or is it that other guy, Ed Robertson, the one who's still with the Ladies, the one Page used to duet with on If I Had A Million Dollars.

Neither, actually. It's simply the name of a Leonard Cohen song that Page covers on the new CD (which lands in stores Tuesday). Nothing more. Nothing less.

A singer Must Die is out on Tuesday

Well, OK, maybe Page is being a tad mischievous. It's his nature.

"There was a certain amount of irony that wasn't missed when we were choosing that title," Page says from his new home near Syracuse, N.Y. "There's a sense of drama and irony, as well as a certain amount of pathos. Self-deprecation has always been my stock in trade. I didn't want people to think that I had changed that much."

A Singer Must Die. The Cohen song is one of ten covers on the album, which Page has recorded with Andrew Burashko and his classical chamber ensemble, the Art of Time. The album is a mixed bag of songs that include Jane Siberry's The Taxi Ride, Rufus Wainwright's Foolish Love, Elvis Costello's I Want You and Radiohead's Paranoid Android.

It's not the type of record most artists would use to launch a new solo career. It's not a pop record designed for air play.

Timing, however, didn't give Page much of an option. The album and its accompanying tour was planned before the infamous coke bust that would result in Page leaving the Barenaked Ladies, the multi-platinum selling band which he co-founded and named.

Back when it was conceived in the spring of 2008, A Singer Must Die was supposed to be just a side project. At the time Burashko's ensemble was doing a series of concerts with guest vocalists. The Page concert went so well live, they decided to record a studio version and release a CD.

Then came the coke bust. It happened near Syracuse at the apartment of Page's girlfriend Christine Benedicto. They got off with little more than a rap on the knuckles from the trial judge.

Publicity-wise, however, the timing was horrendous. Barenaked Ladies had just released a children's CD. Page announced his departure from the band and his side project with Burashko turned into the first album of his new solo career.

For fans who were hoping for something more traditional than A Singer Must Die, don't worry. That will come soon. Page has another CD of original songs ready for release in May or June. And, according to Page, it is a "big, shiny, fun, pop record."

The back-to-back release of these CDs coincides, more or less, with the first Pageless offering from the Barenaked Ladies. The band's new album, All in Good Time, will be available in March.

"We don't talk often," Page says of his former bandmates. "I saw Kevin (Hearn) two weeks ago. I talked to Ed maybe two months ago on the phone. We call and check in but we don't talk often.

The bust was the immediate impetus for his split with BNL. But Page, who now splits his time between Syracuse and Toronto, believes it was inevitable.

"Things had certainly been breaking down for a couple of years. We probably weren't as up front with each other as we were in (earlier) times. We were all pretty unsure about what we wanted to do and whether we wanted to stay together."

In Concert

• Steven Page performs at Koerner Hall in Toronto on March 4.

Amazon.ca's bestselling albums
1. Soldier of Love, Sade; 2. Canadian Tenors, Canadian Tenors; 3. I Dreamed a Dream, Susan Boyle; 4. Recollection, K.D. Lang; 5. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Editors embrace the dark side

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Sometimes a band just needs a change. That's how the Editors felt before they recorded their new disc In This Light and On This Evening. Instead of kicking out a band member or hiring a sax player, they simply stripped out most of their signature guitar sounds.

"On the last record we felt like we were ripping ourselves off," says Ed Lay, the band's drummer. "So we decided to change our style of writing and the first thing we could think of was to start with a new instrument. Starting with a drum machine or synth made us think differently about what we were producing."

"If something was sounding really tuneful and happy-go-lucky, we'd dirty it up. The record is meant to be very urban and gritty." Ed Lay

Lay points out that there is "quite a bit" of guitar, it's just hidden well. That's an understatement. The foursome have plied on the synth — Papillon's swooshing electo sounds and big, bright keyboard chords is indicative of what's on the entire disc. The Edge-like guitars are difficult to find.

However, singer Tom Smith is still channeling Joy Division's Ian Curtis. His low, brooding pipes are as sharp as always, while the group's haunting melodies are out in full force.

The group has always been considered pretty dark, but without the spiky guitars, they seem to be getting bleaker.

Lay admits the band moved even further to the dark side. "This record is a little more moody," he says. "We are shifting away from music that's more uplifting and just massive all the time."

The group did have to work to develop their new, more industrial sound. Lay says that if the band hit upon something too sweet, they'd backtrack. "If something was sounding really tuneful and happy-go-lucky, we'd dirty it up. The record is meant to be very urban and gritty."

Another change the band made was to the length of their record. The new disc has only nine songs, down one from their sophomore album and three from their debut. Once again this decision was made as a repudiation of their previous effort.

"We were critical about ourselves when we ended touring the last record," he says. "Everything felt at the same level — the same volume, the same place. We wanted to bury that. The new songs give it a more dynamic feel. It's quite nice to followup a rock song with a groove-based song."

The band isn't finished experimenting yet. Lay still wants to push the synth-based envelope further. "We haven't discovered all the things we've yet to discover with this type of record," he says. "There are more gaps with electro music that we want to get involved in."

In This Light and On This Evening is the new album from Editors.

In Concert

- Editors perform at the Phoenix Concert Theatre on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

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1. TiK ToK, Ke$ha, left; 2. Imma Be, The Black Eyed Peas; 3. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum; 4. Bedrock, Young Money featuring Lloyd; 5. Bad Romance, Lady Gaga. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Secrecy behind the Internet ban

SoundCheck

Back in November, I wrote about ACTA, the secret anti-counterfeiting trademark agreement involving Canada, the U.S., Mexico, the EU and nine other countries. Representatives have been meeting behind closed doors for two years to hammer out a treaty that will inevitably affect every single person on the Internet.

Yet there has been almost zero transparency. None of the draft texts have been made public and those outside the inner circle are bound by tough non-disclosure agreements.

This doesn't mean there haven't been some leaks.

Aside from measures to fight counterfeiting, there have been discussions about a worldwide "three strikes" rule. Accused (not caught, proven or convicted) of file-sharing music three times by an aggrieved rights holder, and you're banned from the Internet. For life.

Internet service providers and telecoms would be liable for copyright infringements by their users. To avoid prosecution, that means they'll have to find some way of sniffing through all the data — YOUR data — that passes through their pipes. And even though you may have a legitimate right to, say, ship a music file from point A to point B, there's the potential for red flags at the ISP. Accused three times (not caught, proven or convicted) and you're done. Not just with your current ISP, either. They'll be required by international law to publish your name to an Internet no-fly list will prevent you from ever having an Internet account in your name ever again.

And it gets better. Within the document is a second called Border Measures. There's the real possibility that some border guard will have the power to make you prove all those music files on that iPhone in your pocket are, in fact, not pirated. Can't do it? Bye-bye, iPhone. Oh, and you could be charged and fined.

This is more than just file-sharing for stopping fake Louis Vuitton bags. It's about privacy, civil liberties, and legitimate use of the Internet for commerce and innovation.

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The seventh round of negotiations is underway in Mexico — secretly, of course, partly because U.S. President Barack Obama has declared this an issue of national security. Same thing for the next round in April in New Zealand.

And because this is an international treaty, it'll just be rubber-stamped into law. No public debate.

Be informed. Read what the Electronic Frontier Foundations says at eff.org/issues/acta.

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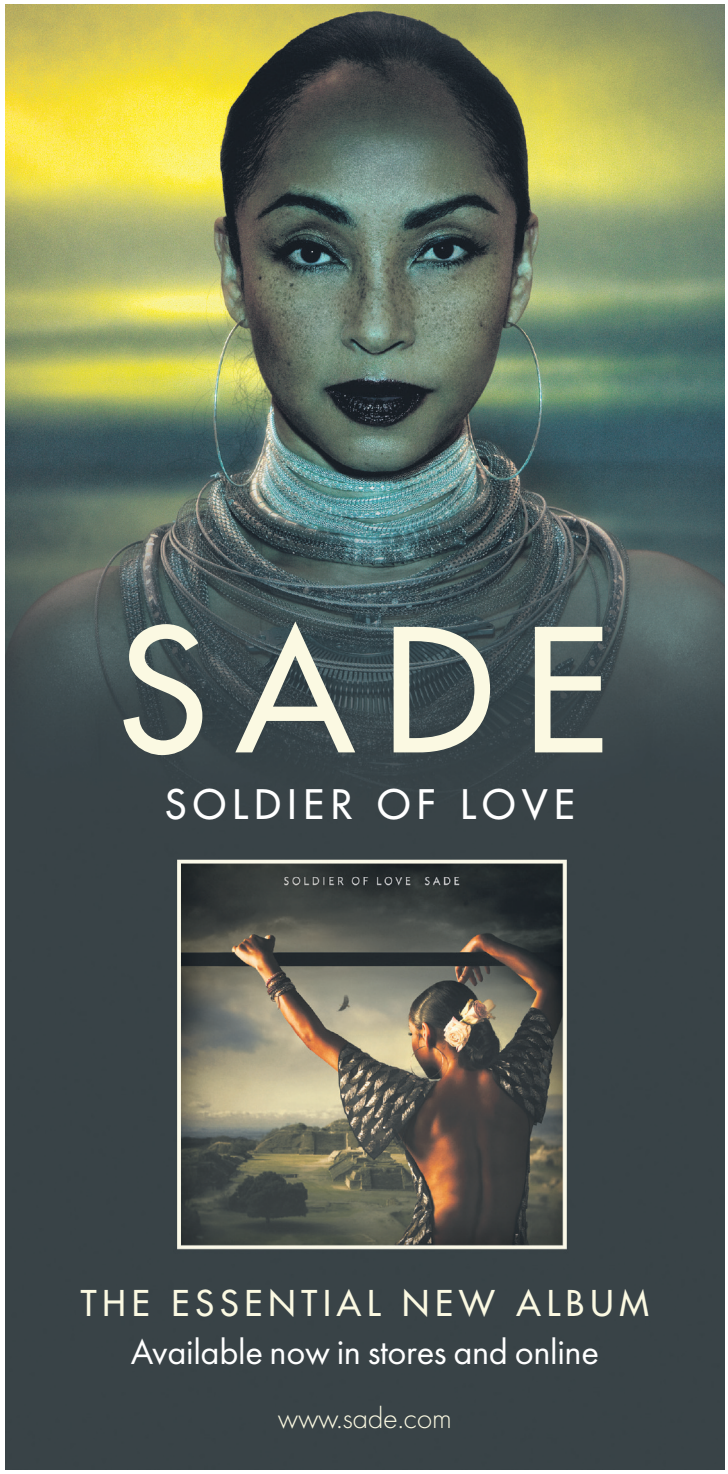

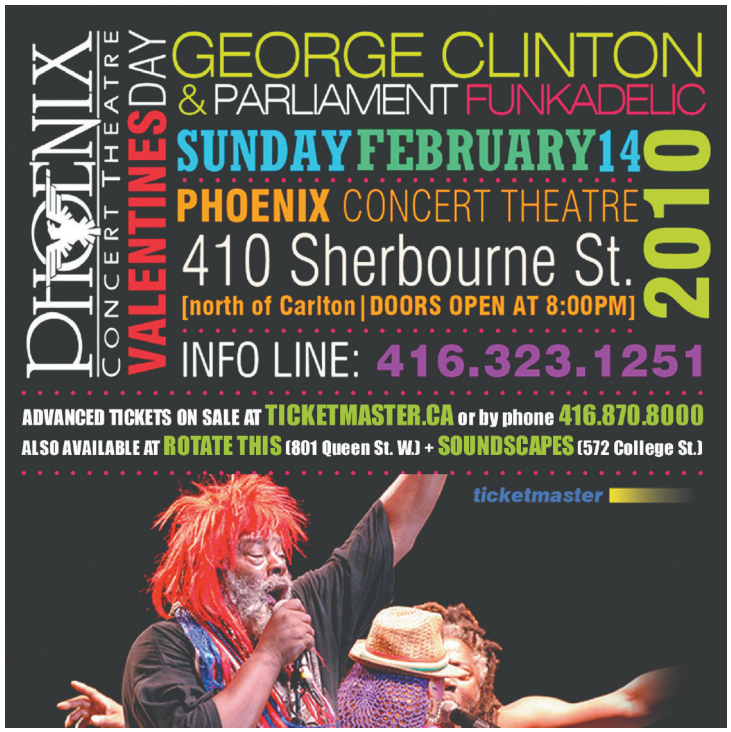

HMV Canada's bestselling albums
1. Soldier of Love, Sade; 2. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum; 3. The Fame Monster, Lady Gaga; 4. The E.N.D., The Black Eyed Peas; 5. 2010 Grammy Nominees, Various Artists. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sunny Days again

Lighthouse marks 40th anniversary with concert and DVD

BRIAN TOWIE
for Metro Canada

Lighthouse: 40 Years of Sunny Days is a collection of 16 remastered classics, including the band's go-to singles Sunny Days and One Fine Morning and a live performance DVD.

This one time, at band camp, Skip Prokop decided to change rock 'n' roll forever.

But first thing's first. Prokop's Canadian orchestral rock outfit will hit Toronto to celebrate the release of Lighthouse: 40 Years of Sunny Days, a collection of 16 remastered classics, including their go-to singles Sunny Days and One Fine Morning, liner notes documenting the band's history by Grammy Award winner and York University music professor Rob Bowman and a live performance DVD of the same tracks recorded at Q Music Studios mixed in 5.1 Dolby Digital surround sound. "You'll think you're sitting in the middle of my drum set," adds Prokop.

Lighthouse's blend of jazz, rock and pop gave it a stranglehold on Canadian airwaves throughout the early 1970s, made it the country's first ever group to go platinum, packed such venues as Carnegie Hall and the Fillmore East and West and boasts such alums as film and television score composers Paul Hoffert and Howard Shore (the latter noted for Lord Of The Rings and Silence Of The Lambs).

But Prokop says his earlier days in the now-defunct Toronto Optimists Drum and Bugle Corps — a lesser-known activity involving intense field marching and playing sweeping brass-led symphonies while on the move — planted the seed of his brainchild that would ultimately prove to be miles ahead of its time, providing a blueprint for such bands as Electric Light Orchestra, Chicago and Blood, Sweat & Tears.

"You think about the power in a drum corps of about 60 or so horns," Prokop says. "And you go, 'Wouldn't it be great if you put a band together that had a rock nucleus, a string quartet and a brass quartet?' And then you could basically cover any kind of music you wanted to cover. You could also go out on stage and perform what you perform on a record, so people wouldn't come and say, 'Where's all that stuff that I love?' It was right there. That became the word-of-mouth appeal with Lighthouse. People had never seen a rock orchestra. We had to invent it."

It initially posed a risky proposition for a timid record industry in 1969, and without some Hamilton-style persuasion, Lighthouse may never have gotten off the ground. Prokop, with composer and member Paul Hoffert in tow, needed an advance to tour and record their 13-piece band. RCA was interested, but MGM, the label to which Prokop was beholden at the time, was not. As luck would have it, Prokop and Hoffert's attorney had a mole at MGM who leaked information that had label execs describing them as "flower-power teddy bears" whom they could push around during an upcoming meeting.

"So we grabbed them and threatened to kill them, right there in the boardroom," continues Prokop. "Scared the hell out of them, threw a few of them up against the wall. By two o'clock in the afternoon we were handed an envelope and boom, we were out. I'm coming out of Steeltown. It just isn't a smart idea to intimidate me."

In Concert

- Lighthouse performs Saturday at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre with special guests Kim Mitchell & Shoba.

Newton-John tops list of 50 sexiest songs

TRACKS Just in time for Valentine's Day, Billboard has ranked the 50 sexiest songs by popularity — and Barry White didn't even make the list.

Instead, it's Olivia Newton-John who is tops — her hit Physical is No. 1, followed by Rod Stewart's Tonight's the Night (Gonna Be Alright). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Last run for Friday Night Lights

The fifth season of Friday Night Lights will be its last, multiple sources confirm. Sources say the NBC has informed the show's cast that they're free to pursue other work after production on season 5 wraps in June. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Television

Baby girl upstages Idol

REALITY TV The American Idol group auditions proved to be a drama of two dads. When yesterday's episode had ended, Michael Lynche, known as "Big Mike," was the proud father of a newborn baby girl and had made it into the next round of the singing contest.

But Seth Rollins of Lakeland, Fla., who had hoped to make a better life for his autistic son and who performed with Lynche and two other contestants, was cut by the judges.

Lynche, of Astoria, N.Y., missed out on being at his wife's side as she delivered their daughter and instead monitored the birth by phone.

"Hi, baby girl," he heard his wife say, then dropped his head into his arms. With his fellow group members standing by, he turned back to the competition.

"Still got work to do," the new father said.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ready to take on Canada

Last November Colbert, right, announced his show had become the primary sponsor of the U.S. Speedskating team.

Colbert's got his game on

Like many of the athletes vying for gold in Vancouver, Stephen Colbert's Olympic training has been eventful.

He has already auditioned for the U.S. bobsled, skating and curling teams. He has angered a sizable portion of Canada. And he has landed on the cover of Sports Illustrated's Olympic preview.

Now, he's preparing for the big event. While The Colbert Report is in repeats next week, the comedian will be in Vancouver for the first week of the Olympics. He'll be there recording a wealth of material for his show (to air beginning Feb. 22), attending events, conducting interviews and doing a kind of half-show from a stage set up outside the Olympic centre.

"We'll bring snow because I don't think Vancouver has any," he said in an interview, taking a swipe at the city's sometimes watery precipitation.

Just as he has inserted himself into big events such as the 2008 election (during which he was briefly and illegitimately a candidate) and the Iraq war (he did a week of shows from Baghdad in 2009), Colbert has made himself a key figure for the XXI Olympic Games, which start Friday.

When the U.S. Speedskating team lost its primary sponsor last fall (the Dutch bank DSB went bankrupt), the Report stepped in with a novel idea.

"I'm really in awe of what [the athletes] do and I want to be there to support them.."
Stephen Colbert

The show's ardent fans had previously raised sizable amounts of money for charity, and the show suggested that the Colbert Nation could sponsor the skaters.

Fan donations filled the vacancy by raising more than $300,000. Colbert Nation is branded on the team's suits and Colbert has had an active relationship with the squad.

Many Canadians, though, have been put off by Colbert's frequent mockery.

He has called Canadians "syrup-suckers," "Saskatche-whiners," and said Canadian history is a euphemism for a sex act so depraved, he can't say it on TV. But now that foreign athletes have received more ice time in Vancouver, Colbert says, "I've forgiven Canada. … I'm there to celebrate Canada at this point."

But for all of his satire, it's clear Colbert has a genuine love of the Olympics.

"It's a festival," he says. "What a great, rare honour it's been to be helpful in any way to these beautiful athletes. I'm really in awe of what they do and I want to be there to support them."

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Austrian filmmakers have Oscar ambitions

AWARDS Austria, known more for Mozart than movies, is hoping to make it big at the Oscars next month.

The birthplace of action megastar Arnold Schwarzenegger is also increasingly a film awards juggernaut. The three Academy Award nominations for Austrians announced this month are a source of pride for the small country, whose films and actors are getting renewed attention from Oscar after watching from the wings for years.

"Anybody who knows a little bit about films knows about Austria," said Geoff Andrew, an expert at the British Film Institute.

Christoph Waltz, the front-runner for best supporting actor for Inglourious Basterds, is perhaps the most high-profile of the Austrians in contention.

Director Michael Haneke and cinematographer Christian Berger, meanwhile, are in the running for best foreign language film and best cinematography for their work on The White Ribbon, a disturbing black-and-white drama submitted by neighbouring Germany, presenting a sombre study of a troubled village on the eve of the First World War.

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FRIDAY

TO	Vu	SD	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
2/12/10 primetime	265	353	2	TVO	Feast India	Feast India	Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat		A. Gregg	Film 101	Agenda
	211	331	3	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	*Spider-Man 2* ★★★ (2004, Action) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst.						News Hour
	215	343	4	OMN1	XXI Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony. From Vancouver, B.C. Parade of Nations; lighting of the Olympic Cauldron.								
	210	302	6	CBC	Wheel	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Mark Messier	CBC News: The National				The Hour (N)
	214	344	7	CITY	Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		Glenn Martin	Glenn Martin	Man Tracker (DVS)		Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		News
	212	313	8	CTV	XXI Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony. From Vancouver, B.C. Parade of Nations; lighting of the Olympic Cauldron.								
	218	345	11	CHCH	*Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* ★★★ (1988, Comedy)				*Spun* ★★ (2002, Comedy-Drama) Jason Schwartzman.				News at 11
	-	387	16	CBS	Inside Edition	Access H.	Surviving Survivor		Undercover Boss		NUMB3RS (HDTV)		News 4 at 11
	-	385	17	NBC	Entertainment	XXI Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony. (HDTV) (Live)							
	-	386	18	ABC	Wheel	Jeopardy! (N)	*Spider-Man 2* ★★★ (2004, Action) Tobey Maguire, James Franco.						News
	219	346	20	ACH-B	TMZ (N)	Access H.	Ghost Whisperer		*Mambo Italiano* ★★ (2003, Comedy) Luke Kirby.				A News
	-	-	28	FOX	Judge Judy	Two Men	House "Brave Heart"		Kitchen Nightmares		Seinfeld	Two Men	Simpsons
	-	388	61	PBS	NewsHour	Summer Wine	*Gorillas in the Mist* ★★★ (1988, Docudrama) Sigourney Weaver.					Washington	Business Rpt.
news	500	500	33	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	405	417	22	net	XXI Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony. (HDTV) (Live)				XXI Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony. (HDTV) (Live)				
	400	400	30	TSN	Countdown Canada Vancouver 2010 Opening Ceremony.				XXI Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony. (HDTV) (Live)				
family	551	542	25	YTV	*Just My Luck* ★ (2006, Romance-Comedy) Lindsay Lohan.					Fries That?	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol
	554	544	45	TEL	Batman	Wolverine	Justice	Star Wars	Futurama	King of Hill	*Hellboy: Blood and Iron* (2007)		
	556	540	51	FAM	Sonny	*Jump In!* (2007, Drama) Corbin Bleu.			*Holes* ★★★ (2003, Adventure) Sigourney Weaver.				*Curly Sue*
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal
	575	583	38	CMT	Funniest Home Videos		Reba	Reba	Jim	Jim	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Love Songs
	616	521	39	SHO	Relic Hunter		*Lava Storm* (2008, Suspense) Valérie Valois.				Kenny vs.	Kenny	Trailer Park
	294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	House/Payne	House/Payne	Law & Order: SVU		*The Wood* ★★ (1999, Drama)		
	581	566	52	MTV	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	The Real World		Teen Mom		1 girl 5 gays
	603	561	56	FOOD	Ricardo	Eat, Shrink	Wild Chef	Chef Abroad	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diners	Diners	Ramsay
	300	601	301	M1	*Legacy*	(7:25) *Messages Deleted* (2009)			*The Unborn* ★ (2009, Horror)			*The Thaw* (2009)	

SATURDAY

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2/13/10 primetime	265	353	2	TVO	National Geographic		*In & Out* ★★ (1997, Comedy) (DVS)			Interviews	*Personal Best* ★★★ (1982, Drama)		
	211	331	3	GTV	renegade	Jane Show	*A Valentine Carol* (2007, Romance) Emma Caulfield.				Love-Death	G-Spot	News Hour
	215	343	4	OMN1	Na Luzie		XXI Winter Olympics Speed Skating, Skiing, Luge. (Live)						
	210	302	6	CBC	NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at Montreal Canadiens. (HDTV) (Live)						NHL Hockey: Ducks at Flames		
	214	344	7	CITY	Cooking	Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	*Julie Walking Home* ★★ (2002, Drama) (DVS)				Crusoe
	212	313	8	CTV	(6) XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Short Track Speed Skating, Hockey, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)								
	218	345	11	CHCH	*Drop Dead Gorgeous* ★★ (1999, Comedy), Ellen Barkin				*Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* (1982, Musical Comedy)				News at 11
	-	387	16	CBS	Paid Program	Paid Program	*Wedding Crashers* ★★★ (2005, Comedy)				(10:15) 48 Hours Mystery		News 4 at 11
	-	385	17	NBC	Paid Program	The Insider	XXI Winter Olympics Speed Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Skiing. (HDTV) (Live)						
	-	386	18	ABC	Paid Program	Paid Program	*Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* ★★★ (2002, Fantasy), Emma Watson						News
	219	346	20	ACH-B	The Road to Avonlea		*The Perfect Marriage* (2006, Suspense)				Stargate Atlantis		A News
	-	-	28	FOX	Paid Program	Paid Program	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Simpsons	Simpsons	Wanda Sykes
	-	388	61	PBS	All Creatures Great & Small		Lark Rise to Candleford		Return of Sherlock Holmes		Poirot		Masterpiece
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Black in America "Tomorrow's Leaders"				Newsroom		Black, Amer.
sports	405	417	22	net	(5:30) XXI Winter Olympics Biathlon, Ski Jumping, Hockey, Freestyle Skiing, Luge. (HDTV) (Live)								
	400	400	30	TSN	(6) XXI Winter Olympics Ski Jumping, Speed Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Hockey. (HDTV) (Live)								
family	551	542	25	YTV	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
	554	544	45	TEL	*Bratz* ★ (2007, Comedy) Nathalia Ramos.				Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel
	556	540	51	FAM	Suite/Deck	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*Contact* ★★★ (1997, Science Fiction) Jodie Foster.				
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	575	583	38	CMT	UnStable	Star Crossed	Taylor Swift	Wreckers	CMT Star	CMT Star	Brooks & Dunn		The Show
	616	521	39	SHO	Slings and Arrows		*Nightmare at the End of the Hall* (2008, Drama)				*Hot Rod* ★★ (2007, Comedy)		
	294	529	47	TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	*Diary of a Mad Black Woman* ★★ (2005, Comedy-Drama)						*Code Name: The Cleaner*
	581	566	52	MTV	Over Bolts	Over Bolts	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Model
	603	561	56	FOOD	Glutton	Chef Abroad	River Cott		Chopped		Top Chef Masters		Hell's Kitchen
	300	601	301	M1	*Diminished*	(7:25) *Delgo* ★ (2008, Adventure)			*Dance Flick* ★★ (2009, Comedy)			(10:25) *Disaster Movie*	

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2/14/10 primetime	265	353	2	TVO	Monarchy		Born to Be Different (N)		Britz "Sohail" (Part 1 of 2)			The View From Here	
	211	331	3	GTV	Family	'Til Death (N)	Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Shark Tank		News Hour
	215	343	4	OMN1	TBA	Over Bolts	XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Luge, Figure Skating. (Live)						
	210	302	6	CBC	Heartland (DVS)		*Booky's Crush* (2009, Drama) Megan Follows.				CBC News: The National		Doc Zone
	214	344	7	CITY	Survivorman (DVS)		Man Tracker (DVS)		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Tripp Family"				Crusoe
	212	313	8	CTV	(6:30) XXI Winter Olympics Freestyle Skiing, Figure Skating, Luge, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)								
	218	345	11	CHCH	*Dennis the Menace* ★★ (1993, Comedy), Mason Gamble				*Meet the Parents* ★★★ (2000, Comedy), Ben Stiller				News at 11
	-	387	16	CBS	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 16		Undercover Boss (N)		Cold Case "Bombers"		News 4 at 11
	-	385	17	NBC	XXI Winter Olympics Figure Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Luge, Skiing. (HDTV) (Live)								News
	-	386	18	ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Tripp Family"				News
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	603	561	56	FOOD	Challenge		Challenge Chocolate.		Iron Chef America		Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant
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the hot ticket

by Enza Anderson

Enza brings Metro readers the weekly scoop on Toronto's hottest parties and events.

If you would you like your event featured in the hot ticket, email enza.supermodel.anderson@gmail.com.

Ballet dancers Meghan Pugh, left, and Marie-Claire Perotto

LEFT: Gala honourees Jerry Lozinski and Joan Lozinski

NBS co-CEO and artistic director Mavis Staines, centre, with dancers Laura Billett, left, and Sasha Samion

NATIONAL BALLET SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA: Canada's National Ballet School celebrated its 50th anniversary with touches of gold and glitter. The annual Fête d'Or fundraising gala, held at Toronto's grand landmark hotel, the Fairmont Royal York, entertained guests with dinner and dancing that included pirouettes and rock 'n' roll classics, and live auction action. The evening also capped off honourable awards to long-time patrons and supporters.

Gala committee chair Cynthia Caron Thorburn

Ballet school alumnus ballerina Veronica Tennant, left, and National Ballet of Canada artistic director Karen Kain

Gala guests Bruce Jackson with his wife, Leslie Jackson

Gala guests Paul King, left, and Santiago Vargas

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Becker welcomes a son

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Going Out

McQueen dies

British fashion designer Alexander McQueen was found dead in his London home yesterday. He was 40-years -ld.

The circumstances pointed to a possible suicide, but there was no official confirmation from police or his publicists. According to an anonymous source, an ambulance was called at 10 a.m., and workers found McQueen hanging in his apartment.

His sudden death robbed the fashion scene of one of its most innovative and successful young designers. He made his name first in London, then wooed audiences in Paris, New York and Milan to take his place in the upper echelons of the design world.

Yet recently posted comments on his Twitter page showed that McQueen was distraught over the Feb. 2 death of his mother. Little was immediately known about the circumstances surrounding his death, which came as the fashion elite was gathered in New York for a series of catwalk shows.

A presentation of McQueen's secondary label, McQ, had been scheduled for yesterday's opening day of New York Fashion Week. Acclaim and honours came pouring for the talented, bearded man favoured by celebrities like Madonna, Lady Gaga and Naomi Campbell. Despite the accolades, McQueen clung tenaciously to his privacy, turning down most interview requests and shying away from the post-show limelight other designers craved.

He was the youngest of six children born to a taxi driver and a teacher, his representatives in New York said.

Alexander McQueen

Known for his dramatic statement pieces and impeccable tailoring, he helped raise the profile of British fashion and was recognized by the Queen in 2003 when she made him a Commander of the British Empire for his fashion leadership.

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Mix of Six

Stomp Records' 15th Anniversary Bash

When: Friday, Feb. 12.
Where: Opera House, 735 Queen E. at 8:30 p.m.

Fifteen years is a milestone for any indie label, but that label is focused on punk and ska, they deserve extra kudos for weathering the slings and arrows of fickle fashion. Stomp celebrates with Montreal's The Planet Smashers, The Brains and more. Tickets are $17.50.

Quasar Saxaphone Quartet

When: Saturday at 8 p.m.
Where: Music Gallery, 197 John.

The saxaphone is just a cool-sounding instrument, though it's never sounded more so than in the hands of these Montreal virtuosi. Make sure you sit close to the baritone sax, so you can feel the rumble. Tickets are $15, $10 for members and seniors and $5 for students. Montreal-based contem porary photographer Nicolas Baier's exhibit invites you to explore the collection of ink-jet and chromogenic prints.

A Midwinter Night's Dream

When: Feb. 11 & 12 at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.
Where: Roof Salon, Park Hyatt Hotel

Spend a midwinter night at the hotel's rooftop bar with a masked Venetian carnival happening around you. Tickets are $20 and $35 and are available at 416-944-1101 x277.

Hush

When: To Mar. 21
Where: Tarragon Extra Space

The story of a father in a downward spiral, shows that life with kids can sometimes be hard. Tickets are $10-$39 and are available at 416-531-1827.

DJ Ariel

When: Saturday
Where: Revival, 783 College

A tribute to women blending soul, hip-hop and house. Proceeds go to youth charity Sky's The Limit.

Untold @ Sensoria

When: Sunday,
Where: Wrongbar, 1279 Queen W.

London's Jack Dunning brings drum' n' bass and American house to Wrongbar. Other DJs include Egyptrixx, AKM, XI, Sidenote and MC Englight. Tickets available at ticketweb.ca

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Sweet Little Lies: Lauren Conrad

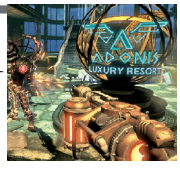
BOOK Sweet Little Lies continues the Hollywood adventures of conrad's alter-ego Jane Roberts — which really means more words spent on parties and shopping.

2 Amreeka

DVD New immigrant stories either tend to be ridiculously upbeat or terribly depressing. Not Amreeka. This tale of a Palestinian mother and son's journey to America keeps a sense of humour without losing grip on reality.

3 Bioshock 2

GAME Given the pervasive weirdness of the series, it's a little surprising that it has become3 so popular. The game is set in the fictional dystopian city Raptur, eight years after the events of BioShock.



4 One Life Stand: Hot Chip

ALBUM The geeky British electro-pop hand may not have the oomph but they are the closest you'll get to Pet Sho Boys-era grooves these days. Their latest trolls out more bleepy party-starters on the lines of ready for The Floor, but gentler stuff as well — proof that these android-loving boys have a heart after all.

5 Ellen DeGeneres

CELEBRITY Her daytime show may already be a hit, but Ellen DeGeneres is proving that her ratings magic also applies to the commedienne's new prime-time gig. Viewership for American Idol was up by double digits (12 per cent) during last Tuesday's premiere, and DeGeneres earned lofty praise from co-host Kara DioGuardio who said "I think she did an incredible job."

6 The Wolfman

FILM To be honest, Universal's update of Lon Chaney Jr's 1951 classic doesn't look too promising. But here are the alternatives: The all-you-can-eat mush of Valentine's Day, or the kiddie clamour of Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief. See, B-grade horror heaven doesn't look that bad after all.

7 Vancouver 2010 Olympics

EVENT Canada's moment of pride is finally here. The games kick off today and the hopes of gold-medal glory are sky high right now. CTV will be covering the event.

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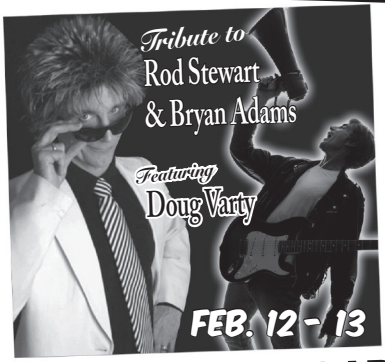

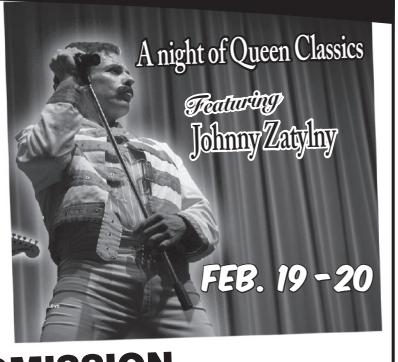

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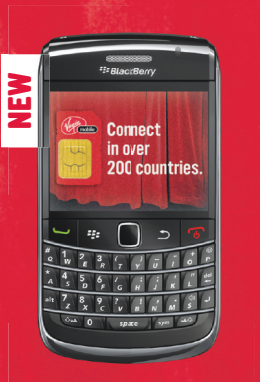

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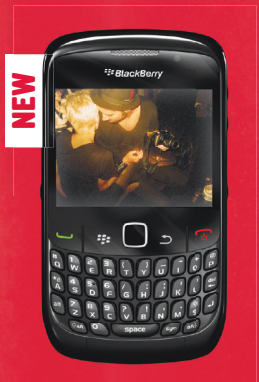

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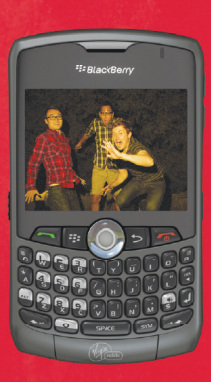

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Finding the PATH to treasure

Interest rising in lunch hour hunt for riches in Toronto's underground

JOHN KEILLOR
For Metro Toronto

If you want to participate in the PATH treasure hunt, you can register at leisurerules.ca.

Treasure hunters are a likable breed: Surly pirates combing tropical beaches for buried chests, or eccentric historians scanning British fields with metal detectors.

Now Toronto has a modern means to satisfy the hunter's itch, right downtown. And you can do it during your work break.

"The idea is to run a number of public treasure hunts in the Toronto area, all free to the public," explains Jim Cloughley, co-founder of Leisurerules Inc. "The business model is fueled by sponsors who are trying to drive foot traffic or web traffic to a specific location.

"Our new hunt is called PATH, and the winner gets $100," adds Cloughley.

PATH is named after downtown's indoor path system. That's where the clues are, though the final object is somewhere outside. The first clue will be announced on the leisurerules website Monday at 7 a.m., online and on Twitter.

When you find all the clues, you've got a puzzle to unscramble. The answer is a public object. Be the first treasure hunter to take a picture of the object and post it on the site to win. The last hunt was for different letters to be unscrambled on a puzzle board.

The answer was the address, 115 King St. W. where there were ice sculptures of bears. Taking a picture of those bears was the way to win. For this kind of hunting, digital cameras are a must.

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Interest has been rising steadily since the company started six months ago.

"Less than a hundred people took part in our first hunt," says Cloughley, "but now there are over 800 people signed up. At first we were appealing to individuals who wanted something different to do on their lunch hours. But now there are people teaming up, making treasure hunting groups. And families who are looking for something to do on the weekend are making their presence felt."

These hunts will continue to mesh further with technology, introducing GPS systems. But Cloughley says he's careful to not let the tech element get too overwhelming. However, some people are just too enthusiastic to deter.

"At noon exactly on Monday through Friday, we release clues," says Cloughley. "The hardcore treasure hunters are there every time. They sometimes try to wrangle additional clues. Our last contest had 40 correct answers. Some people just guessed, I'm sure."

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Canada is ready to win, Williams

The true keeper of Canada's Olympic flame is no secret. It is Brian Williams, prime-time host of Vancouver 2010 Winter Games.

Vancouver will mark the Winnipeg native's 13th Olympics — 11th as broadcast host. He rattles off the cities he's hosted from like they were airline destinations: "Albertville, Atlanta, Athens, Calgary, Salt Lake City, Sydney, Turin ..."

Williams knows his stuff as a sportscaster and, at 63, is as relentless as ever in speaking with athletes, checking out the venues and researching every little rule change affecting luge, skeleton, short-track speedskating and hockey. All of that is part of the job, but what sets Williams apart is his ease at connecting with Canadians. He's our guy Brian, on the scene, bringing the Games into our living rooms from coast to coast.

"I got a letter once from a woman in Sudbury,'' he said on the phone from Vancouver. "I'm not much of a sports watcher,'" she wrote, "'but for the past 16 days you've been a guest in my house.'"

What Williams has witnessed in his journey from being a CBC reporter at the 1976 Summer Games in Montreal to this week in Vancouver astounds him. It is how far Canada has come as a team of athletes — but also as a host nation and world-class broadcaster.

"It's a different feeling this time,'' says Williams. "At Calgary and Montreal you got the feeling the athletes were just happy to be

CTV's Brian Williams

home. Here they are happy to be home but they expect to win at home. It's a very different mindset.''

Canada won just five medals in 1988 in Calgary and, as in Montreal in '76, no gold. In Turin at the last Winter Games, however, Canada emerged as a major player, winning 24 medals. Only Germany and the United States did better. Williams sees Canada's new competitive edge not just in the athletes but also in ordinary citizens.

"People stop me in the street and say, 'Do you really think we can finish first overall?'" he says. Williams thinks that might be a stretch but he sees Canada in the top three at least.

He also points with pride to the maturation of Canada as a nation. A promise was made when the games were awarded to Vancouver that Canada's Aboriginal Peoples would be showcased, and Williams says that will be evident right away during the opening ceremonies.

"There are more than 600 native communities in Canada, over 200 right here in B.C.,'' says Williams. Four Canadian chiefs have been given head-of-state status at the Games, "equal to that of (Prime Minister Stephen) Harper or (U.S. Vice-President Joe) Biden,'' he says. "That has never happened before."

And he notes that Vancouver, as a city, reflects the Games' increasing diversity, with countries like China and South Korea emerging as serious Winter Games competitors

Even the Americans are taking note of changes in Canada, says Williams.

"USA Today said last week (Canadians are) no longer our friendly northern neighbours, they want to beat us."

He singles out Erik Guay in the men's downhill and Jennifer Heil in moguls freestyle as two Canadians who could strike gold as early as Saturday.

The medal count could soar, he says. "You'll see numbers we've never dreamed of."

This will be true on TV as well. The new method of calculating ratings with BBM Canada Portable People Meters favours live sporting events, with record-breaking numbers topping five and six million viewers for the World Junior Hockey Championships, the Grey Cup and last weekend's Super Bowl in Canada. Opening and closing ceremonies are traditionally big draws, and an audience of 10 million is not unimaginable.

Even to an Olympic veteran, it's all pretty dazzling, says Williams. "If I knew how little I knew when I first started hosting in L.A. in '84," he says, "I would have been too scared to go on the air."

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Metro readers from coast-to-coast are a romantic bunch. When we asked you to submit your sweet nothings, we were deluged with love letters that would even make cupid blush. Here are some of our favourites

JUN AND EUYJEE, TORONTO
My Jun, We have known each other for over a year, but we have only been a couple for one month. You were a really good friend when I felt sad and confused in Toronto. Now, we do everything together, and take care of each other. You are the best of all, and I love you (사랑해).
- EUYJEE

CHUCK AND BILL, OTTAWA
Bill, we may be together over 22 years already, and we may be an old married couple, but would you please still BEE my Valentine? Love you with all my heart and soul.
- CHUCK

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VERONICA AND JORGE, TORONTO
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- VERONICA

SHARMIN AND TANVIR, TORONTO
When you cry I can feel it through my soul… smile always.
- TANVIR

HENNING AND NADIA, TORONTO
Henning, when we laugh together, it's a genuine laugh; when we smile together, it's a genuine smile, when you kiss me, I know you mean it with all your heart, and I respond with butterflies. Though you're now in Vancouver, tou are the last person to say goodnight to me every night and I can't wait until we are together again so I can say goodnight to you in person. Happy Valentine's, I love you!
- NADIA

JANIS AND NEIL, TORONTO
Wishing my wonderful husband a Happy Birthday. You are my best friend, my love of my life and I'm so happy that we met. The first time you said you loved me was so special to me and of course I too felt the same way. I look forward to spending the rest of my life with you and enjoying every moment with you. I love you with all my heart!
- JANIS

O'Reilly takes on Lincoln

Working on book about assassination

Meet the latest Abraham Lincoln biographer: Bill O'Reilly.

The Fox News host and best-selling author is working on Killing Lincoln, a history book that will take readers "into Ford's Theater and into the mind of Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth, and on the manhunt to find and bring to justice the killer of one our greatest presidents," according to a statement issued yesterday by Henry Holt and Company.

Killing Lincoln is scheduled to come out in the fall of 2011 and will be co-written by Martin Dugard, whose previous works include The Training Ground, an account of the Mexican War and such future Civil War generals as Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee.

In a recent interview, O'Reilly said he got the idea after learning about Lafayette C. Baker, a 19th-century detective and spy who led the investigation into Lincoln's murder and helped track down Booth.

Bill O'Reilly says he is fascinated with unanswered questions about the Lincoln assassination and John Wilkes Booth.

Baker claimed later that he had possession of Booth's diary and that someone had "cut out eighteen leaves." Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, to whom Baker had turned over the diary, was accused of taking out the pages and was suspected of being involved in the assassination plot.

"The more I heard the more exciting and more interesting it became, and I said, "'look, I can do a good book on this,' " said O'Reilly, who added that Killing Lincoln will also provide lessons "for today, for contemporary America," but declined to be more specific.

"I want to keep that as a surprise," he said.

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In brief

WE WANT BETTY More than 188,000 people on Facebook are urging Saturday Night Live to make Betty White a host. The 88-year-old actress was recently given a lifetime achievement award at the Screen Actors Guild Awards and starred in a Super Bowl commercial that has ranked as one of the game's most popular. The Facebook page, which isn't affiliated with White, says she would be a "fantastic" host and that it would be a terrific way to honour her. White and NBC have had no comment on the idea.

LEGAL A judge in Los Angeles will rule next week on whether Michael Jackson's father can obtain medical records related to the death of his superstar son. Joe Jackson's attorney, Brian Oxman, sought the records as part of an effort to obtain a monthly stipend for the Jackson family patriarch. He says his client has a right to know more about his son's death and the records could be used to pursue a wrongful death lawsuit.
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Hopper gets order against wife

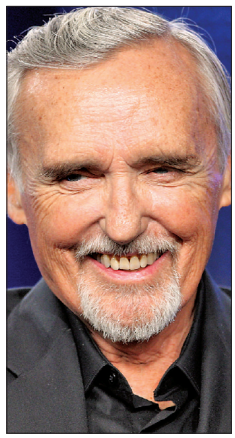
Dennis Hopper's wife has agreed to stay three metres away from the ailing actor and not contact him directly as they wrangle through their divorce, court records filed Thursday show.

The agreement came after the Easy Rider actor requested an emergency restraining order prohibiting contact with his wife of nearly 14 years.

His petition claimed his wife, Victoria, has engaged in "outrageous conduct"in the past year and was accompanied by a doctor's declaration that his treatment for prostate cancer required him to eliminate unnecessary stress.

The filing cites several arguments between the couple over child visitation, issues at the compound where the couple and Dennis Hopper's adult children live, and other matters.

A judge approved the agreement after a hearing Thursday morning. It also grants Dennis Hopper, who was recently released from a 10-day hospital stay, daily visits with the couple's six-year-old daughter.


Dennis Hopper

Hopper filed for divorce in January and both sides have cited irreconcilable differences for the breakup. A court hearing on visitation and the protective order is scheduled for March 9.

Thursday's filings were first reported by celebrity website TMZ.

Victoria Hopper claimed in court papers filed last month that the actor smoked marijuana around their daughter, threatened her and that his illness had left him unable to make sound decisions.

Hopper denied those claims in Thursday's filings. He acknowledged smoking medicinal marijuana but not near his daughter. He denied threatening Victoria Hopper and said that while he had hoped to avoid a divorce, he recently came to the conclusion he wanted the marriage ended.

A prenuptial agreement calls for Victoria Hopper to receive a portion of the actor's estate only if they remain married and living together when he dies. She claims the divorce is an attempt to keep her from an inheritance but the actor states she is still entitled to a portion of his life insurance.

In a declaration, the actor remains hopeful about his prognosis as he undergoes chemotherapy treatments. "My doctors and I are hopeful that this treatment will be successful so that I may soon resume the full enjoyment of my life and work."
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Going Away

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A city beyond the Olympics

What to do in Vancouver when you're not watching the Games

After enduring the inevitable lineups at customs, sporting events and various party zones, even the most flag-waving, cheer-shouting, mascot-hugging Winter Olympics fan might succumb to Games fatigue.

So, if the vortex of anthems, medals and ubiquitous sponsorship ads leaves you seeing nothing but Olympic rings, step outside and take a deep refreshing breath of Vancouver air.

"Going into smaller communities is a good way to escape that hectic feeling," says Larissa Sampson, with Vancouver's Big Bus hop-on, hop-off tours.

Canada's third largest city is quite accessible if tourists need a change of pace. Opportunities abound for those yearning to rub shoulders with laid-back locals, eat rave-inducing cuisine and tap some West Coast natural-world zen.

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Stanley Park is a mainstay for those seeking an urban park retreat.

CHINATOWN

Steamy-windowed wonton restaurants and vendors selling jade and Hello Kitty kitsch await guests in Chinatown, the third largest in North America. Some area residents will argue an Asian experience to top that can actually be found in Richmond, the city to the south. Aberdeen Mall boasts a two-floor Japanese dollar store.

MAINSTAYS

Tried and true will offer you Stanley Park — a magnificent urban park replete with looming totem poles — but Ambleside Park on the city's north shore is another welcoming gathering spot for joggers and their dogs.

ECO-FUN

Good old-fashioned fun can be had at Robson Square, which recently reopened its 27-year-old outdoor ice rink. Then go futuristic by rocketing above it on a zipline hosted by Ziptrek Ecotours, free during the Games.

SHOPPING

Shopping galore is available nearby on trendy Robson Street, with a bevy of major labels. Up-and-coming Main Street in the Broadway area is happening with hip boutiques and antiques.

If visitors take the time to even sample a few extras while in town, it'll be that much more rewarding a trip, says B.J. Trundel, a Big Bus tour guide.

"You might as well, while you're here, throw a couple extra dollars and get to experience some Vancouver," he says. "Because an important part of going to (the Olympics) is to find out a little more about where it's happening."

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When you're ready to escape the bustle of the Games, explore the rest of Vancouver.

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Experience Madrid's passion

Taste, touch and party the night away within this lively Spanish city

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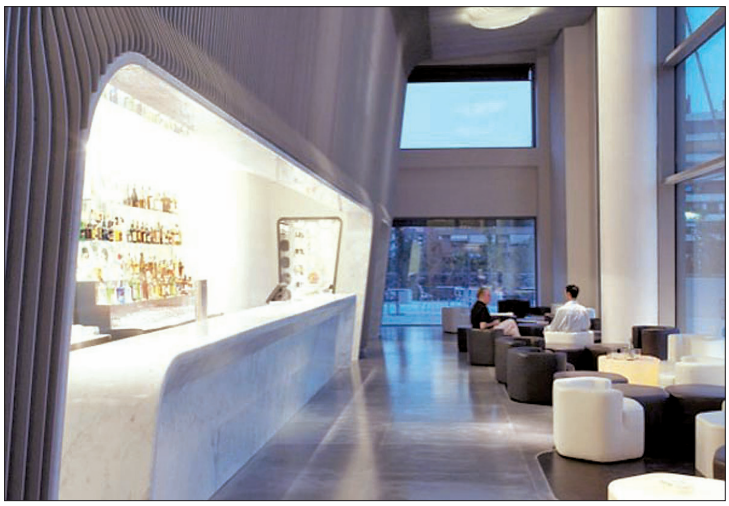
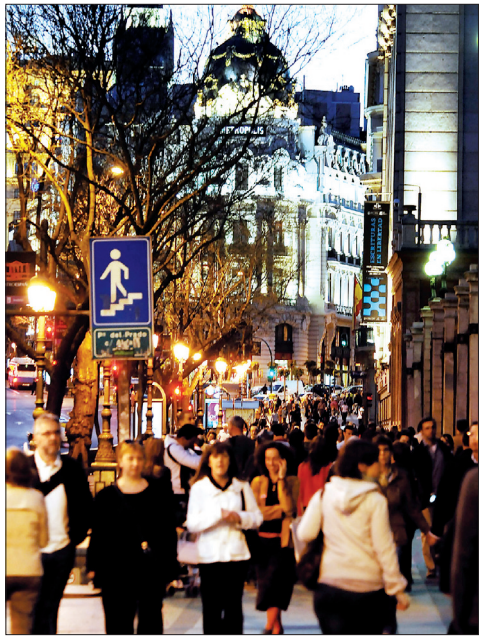


Kick off your night in Madrid at the Marmo Hotel bar.



METRO WORLD NEWS

The party starts late in Madrid with dinner beginning around 9 p.m.

For many Madrid may seem too far for a vacation but for those who know it know that it is always worth the trip.

Why go now?

Beat the winter blues with the warm atmosphere that is everywhere in Madrid, especially in the buzzing cafeterias and loud tapas-bars full of people after work. There's a natural joy here that is almost contagious. You can feel it while eating out, clubbing or simply having a morning hot chocolate and churros.

I'm a Madrid-virgin... What should I do?

This lively city is one Europe's artistic capitals. Enjoy the masterpieces at magnificent museums with an Art Walk (Paseo del Arte), an easy route along the Paseo del Prado. Within this art triangle you can visiting the 200-year-old Prado with Spanish giants like Velazquez and Goya, alongside other European masters Fra Angélico, Tintoretto, Bosch, Rubens. Until April there's also the chance to see the Dutch Painters exhibition. The Thyssen Bornemisza Museum is just a short stroll away. This covers the 13th century to the late 20th century, from Renaissance to Pop Art. Next stop on the triangle is the Reina Sofia Museum and Art Centre with 20th century works Including Picasso's Guernica.

I've already been... What's new?

Madrid's historic avenue Gran Via is celebrating its centenary in 2010. It is full of historic buildings and different architectural styles reflecting the splendor of the city in the early 20th century. Don't miss Plaza Mayor, a beautiful preserved square from the Habsburg period, closed to traffic and filled with cafés and restaurants. Also check out the Royal Palace — a museum and site for official receptions hosted by the Royal Family. The interior is filled with paintings from Caravaggio, Velázquez and Goya.

Where's the best shopping?

Department store El Corte Inglés is very popular but the La Chueca area offers alternative clothes, design and shoes, especially Fuencarral e Hortaleza streets.

For antiques or second hand goods, El Rastro, the open air flea market, is the place.

Traditional shops close between 2 p.m. at 6:30 p.m.

What's the nightlife like?

The atmosphere in Madrid is different from other European cities and the party starts late at night. So after dinner (usually around 9 p.m.) try cocktails at bars like La Bodeguita del Medio (labodeguitadelmedio.es), or a glass of wine at Vinoteca Barbechera or a beer at the Cerveceria Alemana. For clubbing try Kapital (grupo-kapital.com) and Pachá (pacha-madrid.com) are very popular so is Palacio Gaviria (palaciogaviria.com).

"YOU'LL FALL IN LOVE WITH 'VALENTINE'S DAY.'"
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Blunt says no to airbrushing
Emily Blunt hates airbrushing. The star is proud of her curvy figure and wants to show it off, femalefirst.co.uk reports. She said: "I hate when your legs are three times the length they actually are. It's unfair." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

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TILA TEQUILA wants another baby, Amy Winehouse is a Gleek, Nicole Richie's sense of humour needs to grow up, and Michael Lohan offers his daughter some advice.

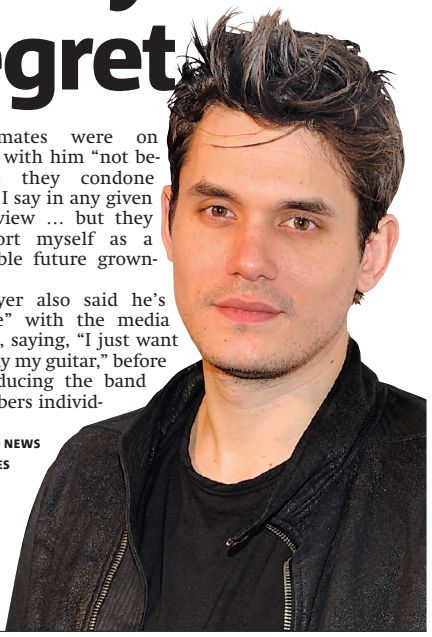
@officialTila: Any men out there who would like to be my next baby daddy?? This is quite addicting!

@amywinehouse: How cool is Glee? it's funny s‹ reminds me of school. wicked that they did rehab sounds the nuts. thanks Glee

@nicolerichie: WHY, no matter how old I get, are farts so f@!king funny!?!

@Lindsaylohan India and Haiti were good starts, but NOW you have to focus on finding YOU. the LINDSAY THAT STARTED and rose to the top. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Mayer's eyes wet with regret



'I SWEAR I DIDN'T MEAN TO SAY THE WORDS THAT I SAID' (INSERT TEARS) Amidst criticism for his comments in a Playboy interview — including racist remarks and racy details of sex with Jessica Simpson — John Mayer issued a tearful apology at his concert in Nashville on Wednesday night, people.com reports.

Wringing his hands on stage, the troubled guitarist told his audience at the Sommet Center that he fell into "a wormhole of selfishness, greediness and arrogance" and "in the quest to be clever, forgot about the people who love me and that I love."

Mayer, who was visibly choked up, added that his bandmates were on stage with him "not because they condone what I say in any given interview … but they support myself as a possible future grown-up."

Mayer also said he's "done" with the media game, saying, "I just want to play my guitar," before introducing the band members individually. METRO NEWS SERVICES

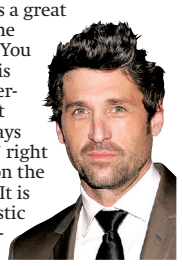
Lilo promises Ronson isn't the abusive type

DEALING WITH ALLEGED DOMESTIC ABUSE THROUGH TWITTER: THE WORLD IS ENDING Lindsay Lohan has denied Samantha Ronson hit her, femalefirst.co.uk reports. She tweeted: "This is become a bit much*Samantha R never raised a hand to me, I've never said she did* Enough is Enough. Focus on other more important... World issues (sic)." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Ellen's undies make big splash in Patrick Dempsey's pants

ELLEN IS ALWAYS GOOD FROM SOME SUPPORT On the Ellen DeGeneres Show, Patrick Dempsey, says he can't stop wearing Ellen undies.

"It is a great gift," he says. "You get this wonderful gift that says 'Ellen' right here on the band. It is fan-tastic underwear." METRO NEWS SERVICES



From Super Bowl to TV producing

I GUESS ANYONE CAN DO IT Now that her boyfriend has won a Super Bowl, Kim Kardashian has a new goal: To produce TV shows — lots of TV shows, people.com reports.

"I definitely see myself doing a lot more (producing)," Kardashian tells People. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Baldwin rushed to hospital, pines for ex

REVERSE MID-LIFE CRISIS Alec Baldwin had to be rushed to hospital after becoming "unresponsive," femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 30 Rock star was taken to New York's Lenox Hill Hospital. He was later released. Baldwin recently hinted he still has strong feelings for his ex-wife Kim Basinger.

"You get divorced, meet a woman, marry her and, by the time all that goes by, you're ready to go back to your ex-wife," he said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Shepherd's ex wants out of public eye

WON'T SOMEONE PLEASE THINK OF THE CHILDREN? Sherri Shepherd's ex husband Jeff Tarpley has asked his ex, asking that she stop talking about their split on TV (The View, among other broadcasts) for the sake of their son. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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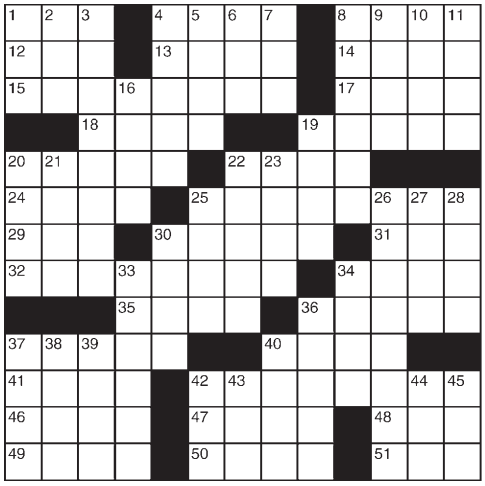

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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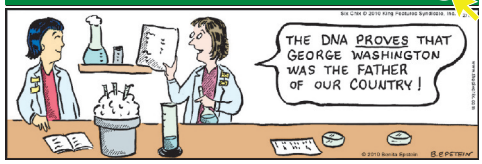

Metro Recipe of the Day

Chicken Couscous Salad

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup (250 ml) couscous
1 2/3 cups (400 ml) boiling chicken stock
2 red peppers, quartered
1 zucchini, quartered lengthwise
5 oz (150 g) frozen fava beans
5 tbsp (75 ml) vinaigrette
2 tbsp (25 ml) lemon juice
1 cinnamon stick, bruised
4 tbsp (60 ml) toasted flaked almonds
14 oz (400 g) cooked chicken, chopped
1/2 oz (15 g) fresh parsley, chopped

METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler. Mix couscous with boiling stock and 1 tsp (5 ml) salt, then leave to soak.
2. While couscous is soaking, broil peppers and zucchini until browned and just tender, turning as necessary. Cut into small pieces.
3. While peppers are broiling, cook fava beans in pot of boiling water 3 minutes, then drain and rinse under cold running water. Pat dry.
4. Fork through couscous briskly to separate grains. Add vinaigrette, lemon juice, cinnamon stick, flaked almonds, grilled vegetables and chicken. Season, then add chopped herbs and combine well. Serve.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
The current cosmic climate is encouraging you to think deeply about who you are and what you do in the world.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
It is not enough that you know something needs to be changed — you must have the courage to go out and change it yourself.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You don't lack for self-belief but it will take more than that to realize your dreams, and you know it.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You may look confident on the outside but on the inside you are plagued by self-doubt, although at the moment that may be no bad thing.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You are the kind of person who can talk yourself in to or out of anything and today you should talk yourself into taking a trip away.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Just because something is fashionable does not mean it is right and you would be wise to meditate on that point today.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You will get the chance today to understand what makes someone tick. According to the planets it's important to know why they think and act.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Someone in a position of authority is about to make you an attractive offer but because it means cutting back on your social life you may not be sure.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Focus on things you understand today and avoid issues where your knowledge is sketchy or limited.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Tell the truth as you see it today, even at the risk of upsetting your nearest and dearest. Some issues are too important to be swept under the carpet.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Don't expect the people you live or work with to read between the lines of what you are saying.

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